

There's nothing really the matter with me  
I am as well as I can be.

I have arthritis in both my knees,  
And when I talk, I talk with a lunge,  
My pulse is weak and my head is thin  
But I'm awfully well for the slope I'm in.  
Arch supports I have for my feet.  
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street.  
Sleep is denied me, night after night.

But every morning I find I'm all right.  
My memory is failing, my heart's in a spin  
But I'm awfully well for the slope I am in.  
The moral of this, as this tale I am told  
That for me and you who are growing old  
It's better to say "I'm fine, with a fine  
Than to let folks know the slope we are in.

Mr. E. R. Smith.

Burnaby. B.C.

Sunday

Dear Katie

Received your very  
interesting letter am  
in the throes of answering  
it. This is a note just to  
say "don't expect" "Chief  
Baptists" medal do"  
for I have the manuscript  
here. & other information  
that will help you  
I am Dr. Gidson (new)



to day - who gave me  
quite a lot of cheer -  
she was Francis's daughter  
I will see Maggie who  
was Chief Edwards  
daughter - "to keep  
you there" - "I will  
be there" -

Heath nearly told  
me - just prayed  
that I could stay  
out of hospital -

my memory is keen  
but my spelling &  
h/t writing not -

All the good love you  
will bear from me  
or tell me

Best to you & Ed -

Very sincerely  
Hester White

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Perkins B.C.  
R.R.Z.  
Keddy

Dear Katie.

Thank you for your letter  
& Mr. Parsons's returned.  
I don't care what is fed  
but that Dugout could  
not have been made  
the feed - the feed,  
etc in the night - it  
must have been already  
finished when Parsons  
bought it - D? the pop turn



Meola. arrived after  
N. J. Haynes' <sup>death</sup> - he had to make  
a Post Mortem - remove  
vital organs & prepare  
body for shipment -  
Cawston must have arranged  
everything and then  
left at once for U.S. where  
he arrived about  
6 p.m. <sup>Saturday</sup> I remember well  
for I was the only one  
with his <sup>mother</sup> when she heard  
the news & collapsed  
in my father's office



Thursday had ridden  
up to the house about  
10. P.M. - Sat on his horse  
and said my father  
was delayed at Allen,  
because Brown had  
to have a rest. He was  
supposed to have received  
a note before he left Allen,  
but ignored my father's  
message. Mother always  
regretted it -

Will doubt let the Canoe  
leave the Valley - Reg  
Atkinson is going down

with a proposal -  
The canoe will have  
to be raised for it  
will this extraordinary  
quickly - Monday - Ray  
was done made a careful  
examination of the boat - was  
very careful to note the hole in  
it was up at the bow - it  
would have to be tipped up  
to get water out of that - &  
then he found a spike had  
been driven in to it - not one  
of the square nails used  
before 1900 - found it had been  
a recently made canoe  
a six months too at least



and made out of a<sup>2</sup> pulch pine or  
cedar - not a cotton wood - Cedar  
that size is seldom found or not  
found in the Pacific Area - Mrs  
Parkman - Mrs Gables & myself  
were down Saturday to see it - it  
certainly is a museum piece -  
and should be put under cover  
or given curators careful attention  
to it will fall apart - we saw Bob's  
finger & heard the hole was in  
the bottom of the canoe! So I set  
off writing D.H.S. where I will write  
which is made - I never heard any  
one mention the Ellis Boys being  
with my father's party - I mean  
is wrong that! It has just <sup>come</sup> to my  
mind that Mr Ellis's family were  
in the boat for the wrote to mother  
late in July or early Sept <sup>1888</sup> advising  
mother not to attempt to travel  
for the heat and dust was unbearable



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for they had just come in by way  
of Ducks - & the mission - and it  
was M<sup>r</sup> Ellis that had Mother  
Willows weeds made in Victoria  
to be ready when Mother arrived  
there!!

Who said the Ellis boys were  
at Princeton? a good many  
wires crossed -

So bid a wee!

Hope Ed is feeling better  
but wishes

Hotter &

Dear Patie.

Wednesday

Patie was coloured!

You are quite a "gal" Patie  
Got your letter this morning with  
many little bits that spike my memory  
wellington! he had had part of each  
foot frozen off, and walked with  
difficulty - "Heard Tell" as Nailed  
used to say - that he had been  
"played out" in the Fair - in the  
winter - how his companions  
buried him in the deep snow, with  
the promise they would return  
he got "too hot" and uncovered  
himself & his feet were frozen.  
"Heard Tell" ~~that~~ that the woman  
"Moore" mentioned was afterwards  
Vale "Lizzie" - C.B. Bash - he was a  
"wishie-washie" sort of character -  
Nailed called him "Sugar and  
Rollers" for he put every thing  
sweet on his "mush"! his horse always  
had a long tail - which he did not



like - she would "caricature" him  
in every imaginable way show them  
to me then put them in the nursery.  
The - that had funny patterns on its  
sides - and I could draw it - I burnt  
my "beard" and met me after the  
Saturday night bath - so well  
remember it! Matilda at Christmas  
time funny stockings on Bash's  
& funny Stitzel's door up stairs  
Bash's hair Steedman's turkish  
powders <sup>on</sup> - & Stitzel's "Macassar  
Hair Oil" - She and I knew more  
that was going on round the  
place than the others! I never  
remembered the sleeping in the nursery  
he slept in Mother's bedroom, had a habit  
of working in his sheep! he never  
was found huddled in this bed room  
for place! Matilda slept in the South  
East corner of the nursery - the next  
in a cradle on the East wall - I never  
slept in a cradle's bed in the South  
West corner! Oh! I remembered the



So were the happy days in that  
"Hayes Home" and then deep sorrow  
that overwhelmed us on Friday  
July the 6<sup>th</sup> 1855 - and I was the  
only one with mother when Paw's  
cruelly broke the news of my  
father's death and from then on  
so much depended on me - I at once  
took the lead! as the eldest of the  
family! he gave in to Mother too  
easily! then he accused me of  
always having my own way  
whose way should I have taken?  
no one has ever challenged his right  
to his own way! which has been damned  
weak! I took a lot of old Ellis  
rubbed off a piece! I will do my best  
to get down to the O.R.P. meeting where  
is it to be held? He Mr Brown & I knew  
her well she wrote me before she left  
for England and I had a card

typ her in England just before  
she died! she was a dear! will  
miss her! Poor old Caroline  
Rauschen died - the Brewster sister  
a true pioneer! albright she was  
one of Father Paulding's pupils!  
Good night I am off to bed with  
my "requeem" thank God I  
can read! see - hear and  
get mad!

Best to Ed. and yours truly.  
Hester E.

and where is the A. H. S. meeting a  
when?

Don't reveal all I tell you until  
my "requeem" -



✓ 709. South Beach  
Saturday.

Dear Katie.

Thank you for your very informative  
and enquiring letter received this am  
at now 11.9.m. - and for the plan of Park.  
looks good -

1<sup>st</sup> Re the old jail - I scribbled the story  
of my two years "residence" there and  
if you want it you can have it for  
what it is worth!! No. just read it  
it is not complete - will get at it  
one of these days!

2<sup>nd</sup> Will do my best to attend the April 11<sup>th</sup>  
meeting. where? is it to be held?

3<sup>rd</sup> Re Plaque on the big boulders at Sault Ste Marie  
what will it cost - Val. Hebert & Ernie &  
Susan should do it - and Bob Truget  
for his father was there for a while -  
what is the cost etc etc.

4<sup>th</sup> Re the Mission church at Sault Ste Marie  
I feel it must be a Jesuit Mission Father  
the Rouge - was very active there &  
he was a Jesuit - Preached in Sault Ste Marie

prayed in Lu Chai - He was the  
founder of St Mary's Mission at  
Omaha - I feel sure there were no  
Records there - I got Susan Gardiner's  
1887 Baptism certificate there - There was  
a Father Grassie - long ago -  
Stayed at Hughes no mention  
of him in "Cross in the Wilderness"  
Ann Bailey I am sure can give  
you information re the churches at  
Oroville - Chopaka - & Loomis &  
Ellisford - she was brought up at  
Chopaka as a Catholic will give  
you his address later -

Kamloops should have information  
re the Kamups - I got a Baptism <sup>from the</sup> priest there  
In a letter to my Mother in the Fall of  
1880 - the year Steve was born at  
New Westminster - my Father writing  
from there mentioned a Priest



PRIVATE

(by the name of Gregoire - who was  
at Barrington Place - where my  
father was staying - He objected  
to the vile language that Priest was  
using! how he drank - and  
carried on with the "squaw"  
He said so young a Priest should not  
be sent out as a Missionary!! He  
went on "out of respect to the CATH"  
he reprimanded Priest for his behavior  
but the Priest rather resented my  
father's remark!! There was a Father  
Marshall too from Kamloops - 1898 -  
yes! Frank Richter told me in Victoria  
that Hans had had a stroke -  
you must have had a great time at  
Joe Richter's Party - Strange that  
Val was not there! Val was in town  
this last week he may have called  
but I did not see him -  
was Philip Mathias - who died in  
the fairview here buried at

Interview - and what about  
Hoguer - & Mary Hoguer - ?

Am sending you what I have re  
the "Pascadilla" boat built at  
the foot of Otagoos Lake

I will make notes on W.H. Dowd  
& family! like you I am very

whelmed with stuff I should do -  
I am "going at" the Theo. R. G. V.

Story - cannot get my writing  
made on!!

I will have the original picture of  
the "Court House" the "Fire House" as  
Chief Babst called it framed  
and give it to your ~~Museum~~

Museum - would like a bit of wood  
that is historical - the old door  
that Burger pulled off its hinges  
and <sup>then</sup> was at the end of the Hall  
leading into the Dining room  
in the Haynes House where Travers



are now - It's up stairs I saw it last  
time I was there - it should go in to  
me of your building - certainly  
a Museum piece - Val and I were  
born in the Court House - and it burnt  
down when I was about 8 or 9 months  
old - Hobbs has it that it was the  
first building put up at Sootyoo -  
but it was not - Old George Fraser had  
some notes in "Story of Osoyoos" about building  
the Customs for the head of the Lake but  
they were two old Pablos - nothing else -  
& the first building at Sootyoo was  
"nothing much" either! but I remember  
it -

Re your map of Osoyoos how  
much do you want to take in?  
I remember it all vividly - I have  
a very fine picture of the  
Greger Home - Windmill Canoe  
mill and all.



Monday.

Dear Father.

Little bit of a South  
wind to keep the frost  
in days which might  
mean a change -  
old Dick will be a real  
to say two weeks  
from the South meant  
fair! but it has been  
and is hot today.



and oh! the boat  
noise and engine  
all day long is  
nearby racket  
last night well  
late it was hot  
especially from  
the dirty little  
motor boat - &  
the dunks haven't  
the "GUTS" to go down



the lake they just  
left me just until  
the boys! Went  
to Kelso on Friday  
it was delightful -  
I was "exhausted"  
at times - new  
boots and all -  
he tells get no teeth  
he looks horrible -  
I must see you alone

When I come down  
I'll see he present  
I have a place! to  
be prepared -  
Best wishes

Hester C.

I must go down to  
Omaha on the 24<sup>th</sup>?  
Sept - want to see  
Mama & Brew too



Remember

Father de Rouge.  
Coming to the home in  
the early 80's - he  
baptized my sister  
Susan who was born  
in 1857 - I got the record  
from H. Mary Ann.  
Father de Rouge was a  
small man - with very  
black hair and well  
remembered black beard  
dark piercing



eyes - was a the son of  
very refined - had a  
good -

taught the Indians to  
the Indian language  
without an interpreter  
him was a Rock Cree  
Came to our Cabin  
Chief Hancock was  
Pikobahin - after that  
he was a very old man

a French Comites  
high pitched speaking  
sing & pray - having  
i & preached to them  
- last time I saw  
in 1896 - when he

chief at Tentien  
Edward -  
when he died

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Mr. Gidara has a  
daughter and could  
require information  
in her -

Water White



Saturday

Dear Katie

Ired of "puttering" round the  
cottage so will write you always  
enjoy your letters hope you enjoy  
mine! The lake is beautiful this  
morning, but what a gale on Thursday  
and all night - it makes me tired.  
You mention St Mary's Mission - I  
remember Father de Rouge well  
he had a very "squeaky" voice  
but was a very gentle little priest -  
where we were in the Mohawk Cabin  
1896 - Mother was away, Mr. & Mrs.  
Sherman and I were there who should  
arrive but Father de Rouge - I felt very  
embarrassed - for he was going to stay  
the night and was going to have  
Confessions - Communion Mass next a.m.  
I put him down in Mother's room - & next  
morning you can imagine the rest,  
the year before just after we had come

and from the ground at Orrepos, Mordie  
was at the Post-Office to stop the  
Sale of the Ranch - Father de Rougé  
came - and we were to go to  
Confession etc at Tukameep  
so next a.m. we, Father de Rougé and  
others all rode to Tukameep  
to do "our duty" at 9 a.m. with our  
breakfast. etc. - after mass we  
went to Father's Cabin for break  
fast - it was nice & clean & the  
land was so good for us!  
What a lot of duty was expected  
of us!! de Rougé preached in Su Chan  
& taught the Su Chans the Hymns  
& prayers in Su Chan! he was  
a good little priest - last time I  
was at St Marys Father Pulley  
was there - and there was an  
O'Rourke man - there who was quite



an artist - would like to get a  
picture of Matilda Kruger - must  
write about her one of these days.  
She certainly kept us together after  
my father died - and in the end -  
she kept the home going!

was at an Anglican Historical  
Committee meeting last Monday  
Mr Lowell (very deaf) Miss Ellis  
(very deaf) (Miss Taggart - High  
Chaired & deaf - (Cher not  
deaf) Mrs. Ellis looks all shrivelled  
up - she has the Ellis "right to all that  
is said" in her manner. I claim that  
Bishop Selwode held the first Anglican  
Church Service in the Maricao in  
Sept 1880 - as the first building put  
up at Uyo-yos which was the first  
Colonial Revenue Station & office  
so I will have to find Mr Selwode's letter &



my father to prove it - I expected to see  
you on the old road back of Oliver  
Dick Parkerson - There & I went it was  
a lovely drive - we had our lunch at  
the Summit - Daisies are getting a  
short & chilly! Jack paid me a few  
so it's better writing to day. I thought  
you and Ed were coming up, hope I  
was not out - if you came -

And this is Tuesday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - time slips by  
and my letters get put aside! its time  
this evening - no body about - a Hung  
fisher - a Gray cat - 4 ducks on the lake  
are all there seen to day.

best wishes - were folded this and  
put in the mail box of it will  
be mailed again

Hofer E

Friday

Dear Kate.

St. Maria Thua's letter comes  
a wild field! so I will start  
asking questions. Where is  
Ellis ford?

"Have you heard of the  
"MITGAVI" TRIBE. Have you?

Father de Smet a Jesuit was  
the first to come up the  
Klamath Valley.

I had noticed de Smet was  
a Jesuit and there is a  
lot of history of his work with  
the Indians in a book I have  
History of the Pacific North  
West - I will let you know  
if you wish - de Smet  
used the Palloche Ladder



with which they taught the  
Tuchans! This book has just  
returned from Melrose Falls  
where some one wanted facts  
about David Thompson!

I will mail you the book  
but "no time" - I had a plan  
of the Culheth ladder but  
cannot find it - but if  
I write Maria & please write  
the Oregon Historical

235-S. W. Market Street

Portland - Oregon should  
get a copy of it. I think it is  
one of the most historical items  
in connection of the teaching of  
the Tuchans by the early  
Missionaries - but wishes

very sincerely

Harry White

988.35.12



702 South Beach  
Sundae.

Dear Katie.

Thank you for your letter of  
the 2<sup>nd</sup>. - I thought I would be  
down your way ere this.  
but I climbed too many  
stairs in the trees - but feel  
better last few days tho'  
I did too much yesterday  
so must take it easy today.  
sorry to see Babe look so  
miserable the other day, glad  
D. Bill put her in hospital.  
I have not seen her. Warwick  
not so good either! I tell  
what a Catholic that he

19 apels 2000 with 5000  
Maria Thoma? What in par  
alism is she wanting? Can  
I help? Alice sent me the  
Caw & in the wilderness?  
lots of little interesting  
tit bits left over. I have the  
picture of the Paragon Mission  
Church - with a splendid  
Foster Group of 14 deacons  
in front. Billy King &  
young & hand some.

Monday Saw Bati today  
and he looks so much  
better & happier, he looks



the Hospital - says he snoozes  
& sleeps - & just relaxes &  
enjoys his meals - I told  
him it was cheap board.  
took him a new pudding  
& eggs! So happy Porter is  
is the new doctor, glad  
we got a little control  
down the end of this  
Kananagan Valley - we  
have had an old  
doctor of Vassar & then  
Udoy is the most  
holistic point & we  
are better off



and we need an Historic  
 site at Uityons - & "WE"  
 the old "Fryers" should  
 be considered as the  
 working - "The first old  
 on the hill" 1865 "Prest  
 House" 1874-1878 - Rogers  
 House - H.B. Co. Store - Ford-  
 Island - Wendell Hall  
 H.B. Bridger - all for now  
 but works!

May I be really  
 Foster White

Monday

Dear Katie

Greetings - it's almost  
cool day! Thank you  
for your letter which I  
received this am it re-  
minded long ago and  
memories - well after  
quite a time I found  
Mr. Crevier's letter which  
I enclose - there is no date  
on it but she was a very  
kind married person -  
Comie Pittenbarger did  
not come to Chicago with  
her for Beauty Allen  
brought her down later



Fairfax came to Oregon  
Saturday - a.m. about -

11 o'clock - had tell clear  
all night - Mr. Censlin  
mentioned the Buck board  
it may have been the  
conveyance used for  
removing the Coffin  
truck far out behind  
the old horse which  
my father rode was  
left behind - falling  
of the bedding broke  
submerged in the sloughs.  
Two people and Indians  
gathered in such large  
numbers in to Port  
where has always  
been a passage to me

Bob Hartman - for  
McKay - Henry Dickson  
were there - as were  
many others -  
all for now -

best wishes  
H. W. W.



Particular B-P  
R.R. 2.

Tuesday.

Dear Patie

I loved your letter this morning and  
with you I will say to "Hell with the  
Cause" - but it has been a good  
story - and can be a better one -  
so don't give up and don't shoot  
Reg Atkinson - his proposal as he  
told me was a fair one - offered  
\$100 <sup>00</sup> would give it the care it  
is needed now - and when Oregon  
had a Museum would surrender  
it to Oregon! That's what he told  
me! If it's worth preserving, what do  
we do about it - but there's no history  
to it unless it's the one that came  
down the Similkameen as a "Horse."  
I am still "chuckling" to my deep over  
all those who claim it - and I still

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I think Mr. Carvlin was right when she  
said Carvlin had bought an Indian  
Cave - for \$20.00 - tho' it did belong to  
Allison! but who is going to prove  
it! What does Val say now?

Yes! the Sunday Fair enough affair  
was very successful - the most success-  
ful of all she had attended - Thanks  
to our Committee and Salep &

James George - home was in  
favor of presenting anything  
but I got the pencils - decorated  
the box etc - and it was presented  
by James George as from the  
Indian Children. It made a hit!

I hope Helen Fair enough keeps her  
promises! All for now Keep up the  
good work - it's all a good story.  
The Cause impressed me very much -  
best wishes

Hester C.



Excuse my  
boob  
copy letter

Wednesday

Dear Katie

Many thanks for your letter and  
kind invitation to come down &  
stay with you but Fred & Helen  
happily are here from New York.  
came Monday & leave at the  
end of the week. then I must  
hurry down pay my bills - Looked  
to them and feed my hives  
again -

Am enclosing to the first Chief  
when Pandogi came -

Chf. Francisco came next his daughter  
Mary married Rodrick McLean  
H.B.C. Gader at Bellevue -

Francisco was very ill for three years  
& he named Edward as Chief - at  
Penheltm - the Gideon ones who married  
one of Francisco's daughters was  
called Chief then Archel Jack.

and then Jack Alice - the present  
Chief - whose wife is a daughter  
of Francois -

Yae-cuen-tuk-Buen was a chief  
in the Suukkamees -

At the time the first white men came  
to the West Chief PELKAMULOX head  
Chief of all the Ojibway Bands  
of Indians saw the white men  
first where Helena - Montana is today

Chief PELKAMULOX thought the white  
men were beautiful & was  
willing to have all Nations  
to come with them

PELKAMULOX was followed by  
his son N'KHALA - who was recognized  
as the head chief of the Ojibway  
Tribes of Indians and as the most  
prominent in the Interior of B.C.  
H.B.C. called him Nicol.

He was born

I cannot write more tonight - visitors  
beat age house etc. I am all in  
Good night if I can help  
let me know kind regards  
Hester E



Saturday

Dear Kate.

Many thanks for Thurs day  
and enjoy it - as Eliza did.  
I'm sorry for her she has  
a job looking after 6 children  
for a Big Game Hunting Guide.  
Whose wife goes with her to  
do the cooking! She's still  
hurt - Brownson owed her two  
weeks board - and she received  
a cheque for the amount put  
into an envelope with bill to  
note - signed Mark Brownson  
how is that for gratitude?

Keep this to yourself!  
I have framed the  
letter partly to tell you  
dated July 15<sup>th</sup> - but I do  
wonder what I am Hanged  
Dazed & Amazed with

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the heat - noise - traffic - motor  
boats - Rust and what have  
you?

I am enclosing a Baptism  
Certificate which will  
surprise you? Mother was very  
good to Lulu & Julie - the Mother  
of Johnny & Mary Haynes -  
she told me that my father  
was very very ill and that  
Lulu & Julie nursed him through  
it - and cared for him - Johnny  
& Mary were both mentioned  
in his will - as his "deputed"  
children - and bequeathed the money  
willed to him - it is now there  
we got -

How to answer all your  
questions in your letter of  
July 13<sup>th</sup> -

John White



Perth BC  
702 South Beach Dr  
This is not bad it is.  
Thursday Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

Dear Alice

Your letter I received this a.m.  
and before I got involved in dishes which  
I did not do yesterday. I'm sure etc  
I will answer your letter! Thinking  
of what would happen to all the  
material (Holocaust) that I have in "his  
opinion" scraps of written. I realize  
it had to go to someone who was interested  
and had made or is making a ~~study~~  
study of the Uyoyos District - a lot of it  
is in my mind - which has to be noted - the  
going and coming of our family  
from Uyoyos etc etc - so I am out of  
you - and thank you for accepting the  
offer and being pleased!! I find I did  
not send the Green one so now you

have a quiet to walk to enough -

I have found an article I had written  
a long time ago - of the time of my father's  
death - it is not typed badly written  
but a good account and a good descrip-  
tion of the home life - at that time I say  
when I read it - Do you want it as is?  
but I will have to finish it - Grandpa  
Pittendrigh came up his Sicamous  
& Pukhetin - a Governor arrived too  
both were problems - Pittendrigh  
were the "Curses" I think -  
all for now I am tired -

best wishes

Fraser E.



Warrick Arnold Funeral Wednesday

Dear Kate & Ed

Very sorry to miss you yesterday  
but just as I spoke to you Val  
appeared and as I had not  
seen him since before Christmas  
I turned to him and you were  
gone! We did not go up to the  
Cemetery for Val did not want  
to go. Alice was with him so  
we went up to Thad's home  
where Ellen asked "old times"  
to go - why did ~~not~~ you not be there?  
The whole thing was very gracious  
& Ellen proved she had "guts" to  
take it!! Just listened to Jack Threlk  
speech to the House of Commons and  
the Senate! very good and I like  
his mixture of Fresh-Southern & Yankee  
accent! All the Grey Heads of

of the League made me sad!! Have  
 had the Cottage painted &  
 will be on the "Spid Inn" when I  
 get my Paul & Labour bill.  
 Our looked well but "s/r" in  
 with my <sup>teeth</sup>! Alice looked  
 a bit shabby & thought - I guess  
 that Parrot Truck! put them down.  
 We must get together on Custom Houses -  
 the "old fair part" you are putting in the  
 Park to be part of your Museum was  
 never part of a Custom House. Lambly  
 was never Custom Officer. 1<sup>st</sup> at the head  
 of the lake 1861 - 2<sup>nd</sup> at the harbours  
 up the hill west of the Wilkins Anti  
 Court - 3<sup>rd</sup> the office near the Haynes  
 House on the East side of the lake - from  
 1881 - 1884 - 4<sup>th</sup> the Cabin at the foot of  
 the hill below the Truger House  
 all for now. Good night - Foster White



Perth B. C.  
R. R 2.

Thursday

Dear Katie-

Greetings this lovely cool  
evening and this is the last  
"Cano Letter" I am going to  
write unless I see something  
interesting! Re Alice's story of  
"Aunt Nellie's" what rubbish - the coffee  
as I remember so well was covered  
with the black velvet and on the  
top was the sweetest big flower  
worth! as Mr. Austin mentions -  
I have never liked "overloadings"  
since - Mr. Parkin said the summer  
when I was in the canoe on boat up the  
river - but the weather was so hot that  
by the time the coffee arrived at  
Boys it would have dried out

I remember how the blues were all  
drawn that Sunday - & we sat  
with others in the dining room  
like a lot of lost souls - about  
2.30 - or 3 p.m. the wagon came  
to the side of the house, the Castles,  
the coffee shrouning the end of the  
wagon box - it could have been  
the buck board. Tom my father  
hook was following behind saddle  
on - riding boots & hooked in the  
stirrups - I ran from the wagon  
towards the house as I opened  
the door! The team was dismounted  
to the front-west side of the house -  
where  
& we went into the Green room  
the coffee was in it - Harry  
Rich <sup>read the register</sup> & Bob Henderson - Joe MacKay  
the Indian Agent. Harry Plummer  
others & many many such as  
were there



I saw Maqqi Tietw<sup>2</sup>-ner Edwards  
when Helen Fairclough was here  
she told me as she has told me  
before - for she worked for me for many  
years, that her father Edward  
who was a fur Chief Edward  
here after Chief Frances -  
who camped with many Indians  
at the River - the Tunkamen  
when the canoe came there -  
that the coffee was brought in  
the canoe - and that would  
account for the number of Indians  
at the funeral.

I don't care who gets the canoe  
but if it does not get - end of  
case it will fall apart - Reg  
says it would take hours of gall  
travelling to fix it if it did not

& no doubt a prescription would  
have to be applied -

Got my wood with the no  
that's another hurdle over.

The next is to get the trade in  
into the Parkview School

Hope - Ed is feeling better - I  
am the last few cool days  
Ym Bureau George Traub & Co

Haynes Mountain & called it  
Burdick Mt. and now every  
time I look back I think of Will.  
that should be a "The Haynes Mt"  
for the Will - Sherman & the rest - Haynes  
Creek is not even marked.

all for now - Good night  
best wishes

Wm. H. C.



Pentictm B C

702 South Beach

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

Dear Katie!

This has been a overwhelming week -  
after my lovely day with you and Ed -  
and I felt I had the week ahead of me  
after Louise came - & we tidied up &  
I put fresh curtains in my bed room  
on Monday - June phoned & said a Vaner &  
Bunt were coming to see me! thinking  
they were too new, and I at home  
in flat waiting - a car drove up and  
Nadia Brent and Mr. Bunt got out &  
were prepared to stay - but I was not - I  
was knocked off my "equilibrium" - I  
had gone to town Monday afternoon to  
stock up and the shops were closed -  
Nadia camped in the Clister field &  
Mr. Bunt had the cat in the dining room.  
They left Thursday morning, we drove to  
Teloma Wednesday - a lovely day - as  
Nadia wanted to see it - but not all

there was so much I could have done  
 if I had been prepared! I spent Thursday  
 afternoon & Friday in bed!! but that  
 night went to "Gone with the Wind"  
 got home at midnight - but it was a wonder-  
 ful picture - I have seen it 24 times  
 & always find more phases in  
 it!! - then who should ring up  
 yesterday but Ann B. Taylor to  
 tell me!! I said I would be  
 home between 4 & 5 p.m. - she said  
 I must come!! She had rather im-  
 pressed me at Okonogan a year  
 ago! but yesterday she did not - suppose  
 I was irritated! she flutters very badly  
 and I do not like her approach! she  
 was here until 6 p.m. - I think she shall  
 stay on her own side of the line - she  
 had seen Val - she had given her my father's  
 & mother's pictures!! A person has to study  
 characters and background of these  
 characters to be able to write about them



Wednesday

Dear Katie

Thank you for your "EPISTLE"  
I received this letter as soon as  
the workers cool & will bring  
it down and give you the information  
you want - Will call the wind  
for all the news - I am sure that  
I have endured the last 6 weeks  
will try and see Reggie Victor the  
will know more about Franco -  
Luther Gabriel was in to clear &  
with you could have heard her  
disruption of the "BRIDE" - Reggie  
has taken her over to meet her  
at the festival - she was sitting in  
his car! Had her a week ago  
Sunday - I promised Sam he would  
be up! I received the crab  
& made a rice pudding & the  
poor dear enjoyed it - sat here  
near the window where I served  
the lunch & stayed until 5 pm  
Then Spud & Helen Lambly came  
Monday - until Thursday, I bedded  
them down & gave them breakfast -  
cooked a Billy Roast & Yorkshire



Monday evening - hot & quite in  
Tuesday & cherry pie well -  
had a quiet day Thursday & Friday  
even Sat - & was here until  
12-midnight - Mayor Parkin & I  
was at the festival does! One somey  
was in this a.m. - he wants to write about  
the "Hogood Crossroads" - had it  
all wrong! so I tried to straighten  
him out! wore myself out doing it.  
Went to get the true story of the  
Customs House that my father lived  
in - Similkameen - Head of the  
Lake (Soyors), at the narrows in  
1865 - and the Court House -  
1874-78 - & then the me Lantry  
was in 1892-99 - who was a man  
the Indians called "Boots" he built  
Similkameen - Soyors - and had some  
thing to do with the the Indians saw  
Bill - This is a copy book letter - no  
more paper - The best - H. 1896



Saturday

Dear Katie.

Thank you for your letter  
I wrote you a long letter the  
other day with answers to  
your enquiries but Val came  
in and where I mentioned  
it and he asked questions  
he contradicted all my  
statements & called it  
G--- W--- liar - so I tore your  
letter and may long me  
up. He told me to write him  
or he would write his but it  
was the 3. Dec. not 7<sup>th</sup>  
the time or was a m. & the  
7 days were on the Green  
Holly Rd - it was too short  
and that we landed - I  
remember the long steps

A many steps Mailed & I  
 went up - the carriage.  
 Bate there was who was  
 born Sept-3<sup>rd</sup> 1843. Mother  
 would not be able to travel  
 for 4 weeks so it was the  
 end of Oct we left here  
 was Münster - I think we  
 arrived home 13<sup>th</sup> of December.  
 I wonder where? we would put  
 the Camp Outfit tents - Grand  
 shirts H.B. C. Blankets - pillow  
 etc etc in a Duck board  
 with a seat facing the horse & a  
 little seat facing the front seat  
 & a small "boot" like in the back  
 of a stage 3 feet - it is an interesting  
 thing to see but we cannot  
 take this picture!! What lovely  
 weather! But with this rain.  
 H.B. White



Saturday

Dear Tatie

Thank you for your letter received  
this a.m. Yes! poor Curli let us  
down! I think he was surprised  
himself and we all built him  
up! Yes! poor Thomas looked forlorn  
she is very badly hurt feels she has  
lost 7 years of her life! I mentioned  
it to R. J. P. and he regretted all that  
had happened - and what he had said  
etc. - did not know how to repair it!!!  
I have just planted the Greenhouse in the  
boxes - they look so nice - the boy will  
help me in the morning to plant those  
along the road! so I am tired out  
will comment on the International affair  
it was mentioned that C. B. Bach was  
the first U.S. Customs officer, that is wrong  
for there is the following item in the  
6<sup>th</sup> O.H.S. Report on page 199

The "Traverse" is mentioned which  
was the Ford across the O.K. River  
at the south end of Osoyoos Lake  
it was there the Steam boat was built  
by Capt. Gray in the winter of 1861  
who Cox's letter is the following passage:  
"The Residents of the Traverse have  
petitioned the PRESIDENT for the  
appointment of a Collector of Customs  
there to collect duty on goods entering  
from British Columbia to the newly  
discovered mines; and adds "The  
candidate is a Mr. Gray formerly a  
resident of Hope and well known  
on the Fraser for his boatmen's regulations  
there." It is possible that this <sup>is the</sup> man who  
built the boat - 1861

Jimmy Stitzel was appointed before  
C.B. Bach - but I remember them both



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being at the Haynes Home - where  
Miss Phipps the Governess was then  
1883.

I spoke at Rotary meeting mentioned  
Jimmy Stigel - and Mr. Perkins  
of the Green Forks Garage said  
he knew "them" in Colville -  
when he lived there

Dear Katie

Have written George Hannan  
asking him if he would speak  
at one of our Annivers if he were  
invited - or write an article for  
the O.H.S. Report?

Hofer

Per



Happy Easter to you & Ed -  
Think we are in for one of those  
long hot dry summers - Power  
Boats have started already  
April - May - June - July - August &  
5 whole months - glad I lived  
when our Lakes were inhabited by

This is Friday not  
Wednesday.

Dear Katie

I owe you a very humble apology  
for I find I really have neglected  
mailing my letters to you but what  
etc and there lots of relations just  
disorganized my routine! and Dick  
Parkerism brought down a lot of old  
photos for me to identify & some old  
books & albums which did clutter  
up my corner!! & now the first fly  
want to take me -  
Well here goes

Chief Edward -

He was the small Indian boy at Sooyoo  
the time of the trouble between the Indians  
& white men. I wrote it up in "Ohyok"<sup>19</sup>  
& will send the article when I locate it  
his mother gave him a lump of the  
hard brown sugar which he put inside



his shirt and would take it out &  
give it a "lick" & put it back, it  
lasted him a long time - he is the  
Indian holding Mother's horse  
creamy in the picture of the  
Court House which the Indians  
called the "Pole" House for it was  
burnt when I was 8 months old -  
He had been "house boy" when Charlotte  
was at Toocoot - Maggie his daughter  
told me how he would take her into  
she & my father - who used the time  
back room off the kitchen.

Edward too had charge of the horses.  
My father hired to the International  
Boundary Commission - I think he  
must have come to Portland at the  
time Billy Huggins came at  
Francis's request

Edward had many cattle & horses  
his good wife was Sophie and they  
had two daughters Maggie & Mary.  
he built the House that Gabriel has  
now. He was named Chief three years  
before Chief Francos died. Francos  
who was very ill named him.  
Chief Edward was a very fine leader  
and with Joe Costin as Captain on the  
Reserve. There was good order kept.  
It was during Edwards time that the  
new Church was built.

I have a picture of the first Church  
and a spotted group of young  
& old Indians - Billy Hinder &  
Chief Francos. I will get this  
identified and let you have a  
copy. Had Dick Parkerson in yester-  
day left three or two friends here



at the fairs - it was w  
written up in the D.K.  
Fall Mining Review  
1892-3? I don't think  
any folding chairs  
etc were being used  
yet around when  
Cox & Haynes laid  
out the Timberline Park  
in 1860? 20,000 acres  
and old trees & stables

10 000 on the East side  
of the river without  
paying a cent - for  
them I cheap stuff for  
a Pillar of the Church  
that is my mode of day  
Don't need Cayote

Stories: you may have  
a copy - The sketches  
are splendid - L. 33219



Harlowman did this  
she told me -

all for now.

I am quitting history  
for a few days

best wishes.

Hester C.

Sunday.

Dear Tatie

At last I have been  
able to take your  
"Francis" article  
over to Mrs Gideon Oneas  
who is a daughter as is  
Mrs Jack Allen - the chiefs  
wife! All day Oneas  
the son was home and  
together with his



Mother will tell them  
th! Adnan leaves  
the next week and  
for U.P.C to study  
Law - I will pick  
them the articles up  
in a day or two! Wo  
hope Ishtar is still  
in Retreat. if the  
enclosed Book let to  
of use keep it - 1

went into it "me  
up a time" and it  
was certainly worth  
the 50 cent - to help  
M<sup>rs</sup> Cawston on her way  
to see you! She needs  
all our help!

All for now.

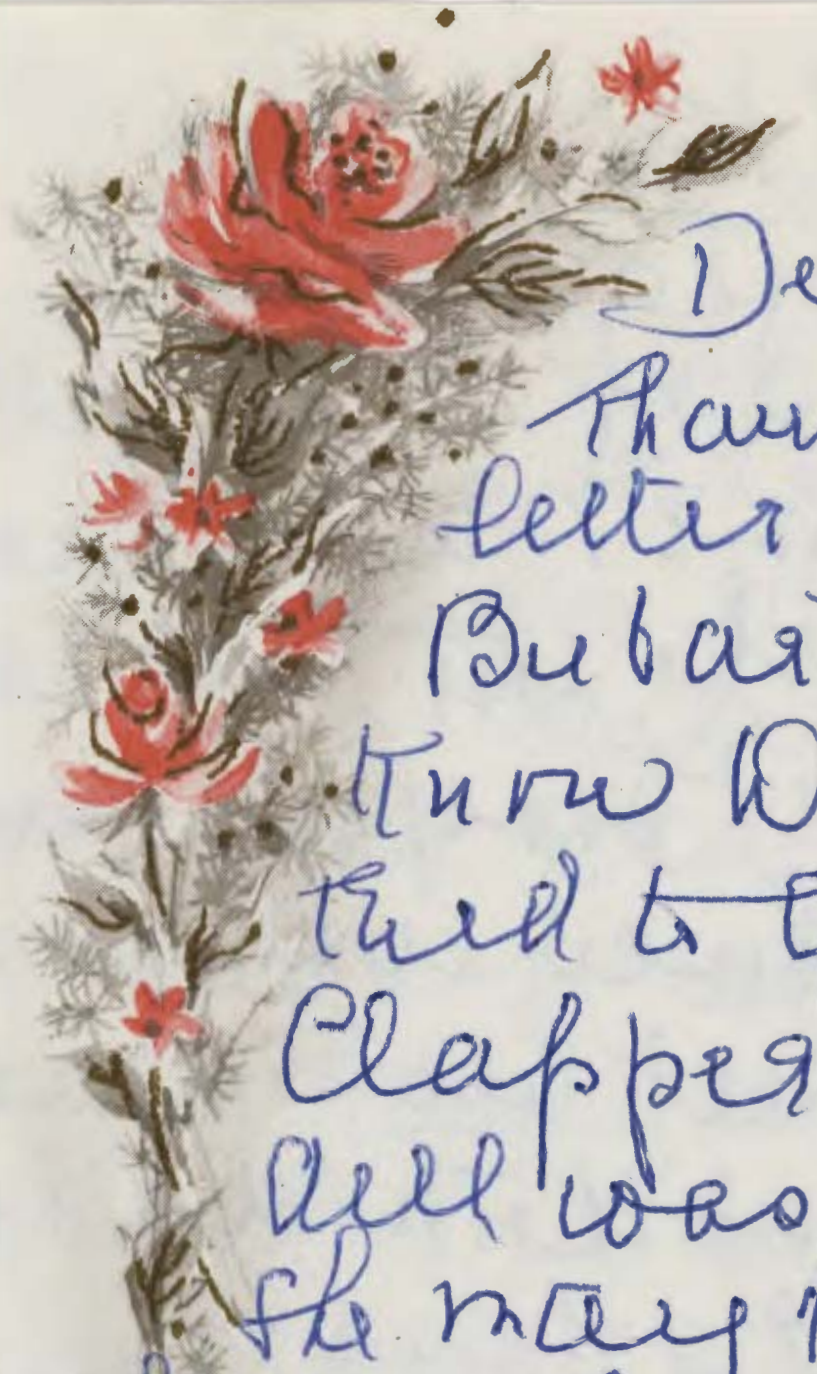
Best wishes

Prayers of Ed. Quirk  
for you!!  
Hester C. Quirk



Am returning the  
Articles I don't think  
Adams and his  
mother added much  
I cannot think what  
'Royal Party' gave  
the Banquet I think it  
must have Duke de Sot  
is who was on a hunting  
trip. His assassination caused  
the First War - His party  
hunted Romanians sheep





Saturday

Dear Katie.

Thank you for your  
letter - He the  
Bubai Wasey I  
know Dick Cantlon  
tried to get it - Mr.  
Clapperton of Beaver  
all was a Bubai  
the man knew the  
thing about it - all a  
Bubai girl made a  
young Hank Pelt



Ed's son - I mailed a  
Catholic address to  
you this a.m. if you  
go in your museum  
I would like the little  
Island at Hoquiam  
some chance would  
along a part his name  
in it - it was the middle  
point in the food - how  
about "Sooyoot" Island?  
They glad to hear that  
will be the speaker

Monday - he is quite a  
character - Went on  
of picnic with Rudy  
Jack and his two girls  
Joan is 11 years old  
is a lovely dancer -  
and and crazy about  
her horses - we went to  
old Fairview Road &  
I had my lunch at  
Pack Hill - near the  
Scout Camp Ground  
a lovely spot but I think  
the Scouts should like it





left looking like a well  
run camp ground -  
Henry Cavett went to  
the Coast for Gas &  
Mr. Nelson phoned that  
Verna would undergo  
specialist treatment  
on her throat & lungs  
for six weeks. Thank  
God she is under  
Woman's Compensation  
Medical - no doubt her  
lungs have been



strangely enough Mr  
R. L. Pawston years  
ago with Mr. King  
during the season came  
over the Fairview from  
from Herrens to Fairview  
Mr Pawston was come  
to visit me! Then I am  
away Mr C was the  
val of the buggy and  
broke his leg with it. Dr  
White brought her in  
to me! I cared for her

for about 2 weeks &  
then went home with  
her & cared for her  
helpless locked &  
at D? while broke  
her there to straighten  
them. I will never  
forget the "unlocking"  
of those fingers.  
Poor dear had had the  
terrible accidents  
and looking forward  
to tomorrow nights



meeting - I also keep  
every bill and  
Receipt -

Best wishes to you

& Ed -

Hester Co.

1. A.H. Well

Dear Katie.

Sorry I have not  
written down all  
the answers to the  
questions in your letter  
I sincerely hope you  
are not in a hurry  
Chiefs - Indians and  
all the rest - so be  
patient - and you



will have it - I am  
"THUNDERED" with the  
heat, the noise dust  
motor boats - fat men  
& women naked  
the the - had hoped  
you would get - lost &  
I could run down &  
give it to you by mouth  
"sounds like a dose of  
salt !!!" Andy had sup  
with me Sunday & then

Dick & Doreen came  
with 6 small ones! Oh?  
my oh my! Venus  
hasn't come in  
slowly but it has  
been a blow! More is  
beautiful tonight  
but it makes us lonely.  
but the silence beats  
my heart! If Val  
comes in try to get  
the names of the  
Pall Pears



at my father's funeral.  
I have a lot written  
of that terrible how-  
Henry Melville had  
the service - But Henry  
for the Ray - Paul & Fin<sup>g</sup>  
Harry Pittman & I  
were there - Mr & Mrs  
Daley - Mrs. Gessner  
in San Francisco!  
I was galore - but  
it was me close to bed?

the flow of that evening.  
I think that was the  
night I found my  
strength - to meet what  
had happened. Pop  
Val & Mother had  
gone! Matilda was a  
maimed.

Damn the lot wearies  
anyway! and all  
these tourists. Did you  
go to the Hans Rickert  
funeral - I in fact did to



but was afraid of the  
heat - Dad came here  
quite after sat in the  
pool - and I had a go  
to town & bought here -  
felt sorry - wrote here  
"say so" - Would like  
to duck in the lake  
but there might be a  
square foot - & then  
the neighbour just if they  
heard me splashed.

Good morning to  
you & Ed. - feel better  
now - maybe able to  
sleep.

all the best

Wesley E.



Victoria, B. C.  
April 11, 1955

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey,

Thank you so much for your letter and the packet of interesting and valuable documents, which were forwarded to me from Grand Forks. How fortunate we are that some one conscious of their worth came across these latter before they were destroyed! Our members will be very happy to find them in our growing collection, I am sure. It was very good of you to bother sending them to us.

When you have worked out your plans in regard to a marker at the site of the first Customs, I would suggest that you give details such as what you wish to commemorate, or preserve, location, special significance, etc., to the Department of Trade and Industry, addressing your letter to the Deputy Minister, Legislative Bldgs., Victoria, and requesting that they furnish a suitable plaque. We worked with Mr. Rowebottom, who was most co-operative, but I think he has now retired. If they approve of your project they prefer to furnish the plaque, so as to keep them more-or-less uniform over the Province. They make no charge, and even sent ours prepaid. It would be a good idea, I think, to send copies of your letters to this department to Mr. Ireland, Provincial Archives, Legislative Bldgs, Victoria, as being Provincial Archivist he works closely with the department, and is a wonderful help in making suggestions and seeing that things get done.

They will ask what you wish inscribed on the plaque, and are willing to help work this out should you be doubtful of what should go on.

As for the base, we were asked to get in touch with our district Public Works Department engineer, and ask him to help with this. In our case Engineer Millican simply took over, provided the material and set the plaque for us; and, has since put a fence around the tree and our marker, - all of this without any cost to us. His Department also put up road signs, directing attention to the historical point of interest. Fred Schorn may have had something to do with this, and be able to give you information. Rather than a cement base such as ours the Department of Trade and Industry prefers a large boulder, if one can be found in place, or placed there without too much difficulty.

I am certain that you will be given directions as to how to proceed and full co-operation from all departments in response to your letter to the Deputy Minister.

May you have all success in your venture and enjoy the project as much as we did ours. We were most happy to have with us you good people who travelled to be present, and perhaps we may be able to return your visit, if you will invite us.

We expect to leave for home within a couple of days, and if I can be of any help to you in any way, please do not hesitate to drop me a line at Grand Forks.

Thank you again for looking after our interests.

Sincerely yours,

*Pis. M. Haggren*  
(Mrs. R. W. Haggren)



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May 9, 1955.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

I am returning herewith Mrs. Haggen's letter to you of April 11, 1955. I expect to be taking up the matter of a Provincial Historic Sites and Monuments Board with the Provincial authorities in Victoria on Wednesday, May 11 and am very glad to have a copy of the letter which I may confidentially show to one of the ministers with whom I intend discussing the matter. I shall ask him, of course, to keep this information confidential.

It was a real pleasure to meet you at Vernon and I certainly hope that the Osoyoos branch will have every success in its plans to make the old Customs House.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Walter N. Sage*  
Walter N. Sage

Perthshire B C  
South Beach DT  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup>/60 RRZ

Dear Katie

Greetings this lovely Strath Lake  
Day! but the wind is in the north  
this evening! If you wrote me  
I have not received it - so what?  
Yes! our Historical Society Branch  
have to have a photo in the area.  
our Secretary M<sup>rs</sup> Bennett is  
off summer and winter and  
we have not met our new President  
W<sup>ill</sup> Ross. and there is much to  
do! Well we had our meeting  
last evening. Executives Present  
not present. Vice made quite a poor  
attempt. I felt like asking to take  
the meeting. I presume that your Branch  
knows or has been advised of the B. C.  
Historical Meeting held on the



21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at the Prince  
Charles Hotel - The Secretary wrote  
me with all the particulars  
I foolishly sent the letter to Reg  
& asked him to have the letter  
at the meeting last - Every  
but the Secretary had a letter  
letter (private) now I am trying  
to get the original - Thursday - no  
letter no luck - Had a letter from  
Dennis Parsons this a.m. He  
said Mr. Haggren was to be the  
speaker at Vancouver's Historical  
in the 26<sup>th</sup> - There is no charge  
when William H. Haggren was asked  
to speak - Why not have D. J. Ross?  
We all should know him as we  
did in Whitman - He the names  
of those buried in the old cemetery

Penitentiary - have you got  
Philip Rathias - the manager  
of the Teepee where it was buried  
& he lost his life in an attempt  
to save his wife & child - There you  
had a name "Big Lo" I think it  
was "Big Lo" - D. White found a very  
unique collection in his cabinet  
when he was found dead there - the  
most valuable was an old Medical  
Book 1670? I think! really a  
Museum piece - W. B. Lee has it! "where  
Haugma's blood was used for some things"  
Toads - snakes & things -  
When I get your letter will answer  
it per the meantime my best  
wishes.

Very Sincerely  
H. H. White



Penikese 13 C.  
702. South Beach Dr  
R.R. 2. March 7<sup>th</sup>/60

Dear Katie

Thank you for your letter received  
this a.m. - sorry to hear that your  
granddaughter was so ill with this  
beastly Flu. Glad she is better -  
Bjornson has been laid up too.  
I had Bobbie Krueger for two days  
after Florrie left - he was really  
miserable with it too - h<sup>o</sup> while I drove  
him back to Uxbridge - I was afraid  
he would get worse - and I was  
at the end of my "teeth" and you  
know how that feels - you are wise  
to keep and get Dr. Ross to your  
meeting - the more he knows of us & the  
the more we know of him is best  
for all of us! He is telling his name



stand again at the Annual. The  
Secretary wrote to ask if I would  
let my name stand for Vice Pres  
I did but wrote to request the  
new members should get  
into office.

In the Urogoos chronicles there  
is a mistake phrase correct.  
The old picture of the Court House  
at "Soogyos" with my father & other  
others standing in front is not  
the first Customs House built at  
Soogyos - It was built in 1874 - the  
year before Mother came to Soogyos  
that year I was born there and it  
was burnt down in Jan. or Feb.  
1878 - and the Indians referred  
to it as the "Fire House".  
The first really first was the



Customs House<sup>2</sup> built in 1865 -

Charlotte Haynes went into it  
as a Bread<sup>1868</sup> & the Haynes family  
moved into it when the Court  
House was burnt & lived in it  
until the spring of 1881 when we  
moved over to the House on the  
East Side of the Lake -

The first Customs House was burnt  
down at noon one day in 1887 or 1888.  
James Williams was living in it at  
the time cutting rails for my  
father - Mr. Lowe (W.H.), her mother  
Mr. Simpson - the children were Charlie  
Nellie & Rappie & Dick - who I think  
was born there - they moved there  
from Peru when Lowe died.  
R.H. Pearson stayed with them for  
he was manager of the Haynes



Paneth until he bought the <sup>place</sup> Richler,  
together with Mr Lowe who was  
his Possessive - I have never seen a  
picture of that first building at  
Sooyors - but the Teles first house  
which you must have picture of, with  
Mr Haynes Mr Teles - Oren etc  
standing near a big tree - ~~to~~ is just like  
the Sooyors first house except for the  
up stairs - the old Paneth house too  
was like it except for the up stairs  
so I am sure you can draw  
me - there was just a large living  
room - back to kitchen at the back &  
bunk bed room off it to the north -

Guard room & office combined off living  
room on north side - with two cells at  
the back - I remember it well for I often  
went there with Mr Lowe & family



Hope this "not all too vague."  
 When is your Historical Meeting  
 if we can't go in & might turn  
 down. The Musical Festival is  
 on at the end of the month too.  
 Early this year.

Excuse writing my hand is  
 very tired today. and paper is  
 a bit "sticky" as Maggie V. told me  
 to say. All the ice from U.K. Falls  
 now is piled on the ice - what  
 a gale we had Sat-Sun night -  
 & the noise of the ice crashing its  
 way in - All for now - you will  
 say enough of that

Best to Ed & you  
 Hester.



THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES  
VICTORIA, B.C.

October 26th, 1955.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of October 5th was waiting me when I returned to the office after a fortnight holiday, hence the delay in replying thereto. I hope I can give you some information that might be helpful insofar as the inscription is concerned. The plaques are roughly 30" x 24" but the area available for inscription is less than that. In consequence it has to be kept fairly simple and the wordage should be somewhere between 50 - 75 words. Generally speaking they are confined to one subject only although I notice you are thinking in terms of two. Is the cairn going to be erected on the actual site of the first customs house and the cemetery adjacent to that site. Generally speaking the final writing of the inscription is left to me by the department but I am always anxious to get as complete guidance as possible from the area involved, although usually we find that they do run to too many words and it has to be simplified.

Yours sincerely,

*W. E. Ireland*  
Provincial Librarian and Archivist.

WEI/MC





PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES  
VICTORIA, B.C.

November 10, 1955.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Sec. Treas.,  
Okanagan Historical Society,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

Many thanks for your letter of November 6th in connection with the cairn and I hope shortly to be able to send you a suggested wording for the inscription, but I thought at the moment I should deal immediately with the questions you have raised about financing the project. Generally speaking this has always been the shared responsibility between the Provincial Government and the local area in which the marker was located, with the Provincial Government usually assuming full responsibility for the cost of the bronze tablet, and the local group assuming responsibility of the cost of the stone or cairn to which it is attached, it must definitely be either a large boulder or a cairn, for we do not favor attaching tablets to anything wooden. For instance, the cairn that was unveiled at Clinton some time ago, was done through the activity of the Board of Trade, and I believe the one recently unveiled at Midway was through the activity of the Boundary Section of the B.C. Historical Association that the large boulder was secured.

I think you must be in error concerning the \$1,000,000 for I am sure you must be referring to the money that was donated as endowment to the University and not to the government.

I appreciate your having sent me a rough sketch of the area and it is unfortunate that the marker could not be placed on the main highway No. 97, but I am presuming that the road that loops down from the highway to the cairn site and back is kept in good condition, and if it is to be located on this side road, I think you should immediately make application to the resident engineer of the highways department that signs calling attention to a historic cairn be placed on the highway, otherwise it is going to be lost.

Yours sincerely,

*William C. Douland*  
Provincial Librarian and Archivist.

WEI/MC



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES  
VICTORIA, B.C.

June 1, 1956.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
Ossoyoos, B. C.

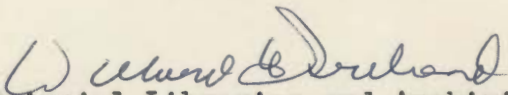
Dear Mrs. Lacey:

Your letters of May 18th and 26th have come to hand in connection with the marker and I am extremely sorry that it was not possible for me to meet with you. I can assure you that it was not in any way Mrs. White's fault for originally we had intended to leave early enough for Rock Creek that I could call in to see you but my schedule proved to be so heavy before I reached Penticton that on the morning of my arrival there I actually had had only seven hours sleep in the previous forty-eight and the result was that I just simply could not start out early for Rock Creek but had to get some rest.

We are trying to do some additional research on the subject and unfortunately it is going to be held up because in a day or so I have to leave for eastern Canada so that it will not be possible for me to go into it further until my return towards the end of June.

With every good wish, I remain

Yours sincerely,

  
Provincial Librarian and Archivist.

WEI:McQ.





PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES  
VICTORIA, B.C.

September 13, 1956.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

At long last I have been able to get back to the question of the inscription of the Osoyoos Custom House building. As I mentioned to you earlier, it is always a problem to get a precise wording that is satisfactory as to content and yet at the same time reads well to the person relatively uninformed of the history of the locale. It is on this basis that I am still not prepared to approve the wording that has been submitted to me.

For example, I am not happy about the inclusion of the reference to W. G. Cox, particularly as first Gold Commissioner. In fact, it seems to me no reference is necessary since Haynes is the figure associated with the custom house. Similarly, I see no particular point in putting in the cost of the building. Were the building still standing it would have some significance to show the relative price of construction.

Consequently, I want to re-suggest the inscription that I submitted to you in my letter of February 2nd, as follows:

OSOYOOS CUSTOM HOUSE

Following the discovery of gold in British Columbia and the Rush of 1858, the old brigade trail of the fur-trader became one of the gold seekers routes to the Cariboo. On this site in 1861 the first Custom House in the Okanagan Valley was erected under the supervision of John Carmichael Haynes.

I am free to admit that this probably reverses the order of significance insofar as your society is concerned and I am prepared to suggest the following alternative:-

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PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES  
VICTORIA, B.C.

September 21, 1956.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
Osyoos, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

Many thanks for your letter of Sept. 19th and for your information I am attaching herewith copy of a letter I have just written to the Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry in connection with the cairn, which I hope you will find satisfactory. In this letter you will see I have suggested that a slight revision be made to the inscription that was acceptable to your Society which makes a very specific reference to the brigade trail. I hope this will meet with your approval.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wallace H. Ireland".

Provincial Librarian and Archivist.

WEI:McQ.



September 21, 1956.

Mr. T. L. Sturgess,  
Deputy Minister,  
Department of Trade & Industry,  
BUILDINGS.

Dear Mr. Sturgess:

Re: Historic Marker - Osoyoos.

From time to time the matter of the erection of a cairn with bronze plaque to mark the site of the original Osoyoos Custom House has been under consideration. I believe you have already had correspondence with Mrs. K. Lacey, the Secretary of the Osoyoos-Oliver Section of the Okanagan Historical Society, on this subject. They are now prepared to go ahead with the erection of the cairn at their own expense and your department had undertaken to provide the bronze tablet. There has been considerable discussion as to the wording of the inscription to be placed on this plaque and after offering several alternatives, the Society has accepted the following inscription:

OSOYOOS CUSTOM HOUSE

On this site the first Colonial Custom House in the Okanagan Valley was erected in 1861, John Carmichael Haynes in charge. Following the discovery of gold in British Columbia in 1858, the old fur-trade brigade trail became one of the routes to the Cariboo used by the gold seekers.

I think I should point out there is one reference that they would like to see included and I think it could be fairly neatly handled in the following way, if it would meet with your approval. This has to do with the fact that this cairn will overlook the old brigade trail, so that I am suggesting an alternative to the second line of the inscription, which would then make it read as follows:-

Following the discovery of gold in British Columbia in 1858, the old fur-trade brigade trail, which passes nearby, became one of the routes to the Cariboo used by the gold seekers.

-contd.-

Mr. T. L. Sturgess.

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Sept. 21, 1956.

I know they are most anxious to proceed with the completion and dedication of this cairn at the earliest possible moment, so that your prompt action in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Provincial Librarian and Archivist.

WEI:MoQ.



P.O. Box 11

Princeton

B.C.

Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>/59

Dear Mrs. Lacy

Thank  
you for your letter and  
about the old canoe, it  
is quite wonderful to  
think it could be the  
same one that conveyed  
Mr. Haugnes remains down  
the river. Though I was  
just an infant at the  
time - I often heard my  
mother speak of it later.

Mrs. Carry Thomas who is  
ten years older than I  
remembers the incident  
quite clearly & she really  
has a wonderful memory.

I believe my eldest  
brother Edgar who was  
perhaps seventeen or eighteen  
made the coffin, my  
mother & elder sisters  
Beatrice & Louisa, covered

I find it later will let  
you know. There is a  
complete copy of her  
memoirs but it was loaned  
to a Centennial Committee &  
I don't think returned  
yet. It belongs to my  
sister Mrs. Wright of  
Summerland.

Would you please  
return the enclosed  
clipping as I have no  
other.

I wrote a little  
story about Shlawhalakim  
& his wife several years  
ago but have lent it to  
a friend who has not  
returned it yet. If you  
would care to read it I  
could send it later.

He was a great character  
& actor in his way and lived  
to a very great old age, more  
than a hundred years  
according to The H.B.C.

Sincerely,

Angela McDiarmid.



The outside with black velvet, inside white satin from their store, I expect.

Edgar and Mr. Bromely a neighbour, took the canoe down the river with the remains.

I am quite positive the Indians or an old Indian named Shlawhalakin (what a name) made the canoe. He and his wife,

Bolha, camped every summer on our flat + he used the canoe to ferry people back & forth across the river at high water, as there were no bridges at that time.

I will enclose a piece taken from my mother's memoirs which mentions this old Indian, but I can't find the piece about Judge Haynes' death, as part of the manuscript seems to be mislaid, but should



THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF  
TRADE AND INDUSTRY  
VICTORIA, B.C.

OFFICE OF THE  
DEPUTY MINISTER

September 21, 1956.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Secretary, Oliver-Osoyoos Branch,  
Okanagan Historical Society,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

I was pleased to have your letter of September 19 and to learn that you are going ahead with your plans to mark the site of the first Customs House at Osoyoos.

As I told you in my letter of July 21, 1955, we will be pleased to supply our standard bronze plaque, which is  $13\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $19\frac{1}{4}$ " in size, on the understanding that it is affixed to a suitable cairn or large boulder. As you told me in your letter of July 18, 1955, that there were plenty of cobblestones available at the site, you will probably be erecting a cairn.

Just as soon as we receive the wording you wish to appear on the plaque and have it checked by Mr. Ireland we will place the order for the plaque and send it off to you as soon as it is ready.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'T. L. Sturgess'.

T. L. Sturgess,  
Deputy Minister.



C O P Y

B.C. Government Travel Bureau  
Victoria, B.C.

October 23, 1956

Mr. C.H. Cherry  
G. Hewitt Company  
732 Homer  
Vancouver 3, B.C.

Dear Mr. Cherry:

The people at Osoyoos are very anxious to know when they can expect delivery of the bronze plaque, ordered by my letter of September 27th? Apparently they are anxious to get the plaque affixed before the cold weather sets in, otherwise they will not be able to finish it. Would you please forward to Mrs. K. Lacey, Box 144, Osoyoos a pattern so that the stone mason can prepare the bolt holes.

We can also save time if you would get someone to photograph the plaque in your shop as soon as it is ready and express it direct to Mrs. Lacey. Your interest in speeding this up will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,



Ernest Evans  
COMMISSIONER

EE/pc  
c.c. Mrs. Lacey

Box 2391,  
Dawson Creek, B. C.,  
December 12, 1956.

Dear Institute Members of British Columbia:

In a recent letter from our President, Mrs. E. J. Roylance, she informed me that British Columbia agriculture is to have a part in the Centennial Cook Book. She thought that "100 Years of Agriculture in B. C." does hold special significance. I would like each Institute to send me a brief report from your district, (send them to your district secretary, who will send them on to me). I will try and put it all into a story and will need all your help and any suggestions will be appreciated.

First, we will want to know when the first soil was cultivated in your district?

First gardens and what was planted then and at the present time.

When ranches for cattle or sheep started.

The first field crops started and the names of grains, grasses and kind of crops planted at that time.

First agriculture fair or shows. Any interesting material on agriculture that would help make the story from your district interesting.

You must have your reports sent in to your district secretaries by January 31st. That will just give me February to work on your material.

Will you please head your report with the name of your W. I. as well as your local address as we do not want any reports under the wrong Institutes and this can be very confusing.

As our Federated President, Mrs. Nancy Adams, suggested we should plant W. I. trees for conservation, I think for to mark the event of our centennial year that tree planting would be ideal. Start a grove of trees at your school or community centre or a memorial row of trees.

This should create great interest among all W. I. members. Let us make it something worth while to leave in our history of British Columbia.

I hope you all had a very good year in 1956 and I wish you all a very happy New Year for 1957.

Yours sincerely,

"(Mrs. Lyle) Verna N. Braden"

Convener of Agriculture  
British Columbia Women's Institutes.

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Kramer  
Peach  
Apple  
6 5 8 4



Kruger. garden  
irrigated by Chinese water cans  
Windmill ✓ point.  
Haynes + Kruger sheep 80-80-90.  
Indian wheat & oats. Wild Hay  
Bursap. Balate.  
Rye.

Mr. J. C. Kruger

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1725 Pendozi St.,  
Kelowna, B. C.,  
July 23, 1957.

Mrs. E. Lacey,  
P. O. Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey,

Many thanks for your letter which was waiting for me on my return from Vancouver.

First of all let me congratulate you and Ed. for the wonderful day you put on at Osoyoos on the Sunday. Everything went off without a hitch, thanks to your excellent planning. My son, Gordon, obtained some pictures of the ceremony and I will send you some prints from them for your collection of pictures.

Re the Fur Brigade trip **next year**, would suggest that you call a meeting of the executive only, at this time. We have been asked to get information from our locals as to how close we could keep to the original trail and how much of it is still passable. If your branch could get this information, say from the border to White Lake or Yellow Lake and then the Penticton Branch could carry on from there to about Peachland when the Kelowna Branch could take over to Shorts Creek and the Vernon Branch from there north. This information has been asked for by the head Centennial Committee in Victoria and if they consider the scheme feasible after getting our reports from our Branches, they will then make the decision. If they go ahead with the scheme all expense for it will be borne by them. I would also suggest that if you know of any pack horses and packers available in your district, that would be suitable for a trip such as this, that you put it in your recommendations. Your suggestion that it be carried out before it gets hot is excellent and I would also like this put in your recommendations. I am enclosing a description of the trail, would you check this over and make any corrections you can on it and return it to me along with your recommendations.

Many thanks for your suggestion about me acting as Chief Factor, but the way I have been feeling lately would be unable to ride a horse over a mile. However the choice of principals will be made by the Victoria Committee as they are paying the bill.

If there is any further information you require, just drop me a line, ~~but~~ as you understand, for the present it is just information they are looking for.

Mrs. Whitham joins me in kind regards to Ed. and yourself.

Yours sincerely,

*Donald Whitham*

J. D. Whitham.



# The Corporation of the Village of Osoyoos

(Incorporated 1946)

Address communications to the Clerk

Box 325,

OSOYOOS, B.C.

September 12th. 1957

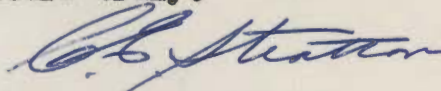
Mrs. K. Lacey.  
Sectry-Treasr.  
Osoyoos Museum and  
Historical Society.  
Osoyoos. B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey.

Your letter addressd to the Village Board of Commissioners, in connection with the coming meeting of your Society on the 13th of this month was read at the Boards meeting on the evening of the 10th inst and it was noted that you desired one of members to be present at your meeting to represent the Corp of the Village of Osoyoos.

I have had to wait till now to find out who could be nominated to attend your meeting, and a fter contacting all the commissioners, find they are all tied up, it seems this Friday was the day that all the Commissioners had seen fit to make other arrangements before knowledge of your meeting was known, and I have been instructed to tell you, that if any of your members can attend the next Board meeting, on the 24th of September pleaselet us know and we will see what we can do.

Yours truly.



Village Clerk.



# Okanagan Historical Society

3317 Coldstream Avenue,  
Vernon, B.C.,  
Dec 9 1957

Mrs K. Lacey,  
Osoyoos, B.C.,

Dear Mrs Lacey,

There have been many things to make the publication of Report 21 difficult: Sickness intervened and Mr. Marriage had no easy task picking up where Dr Goodfellow left off. We are under a big obligation to Mr. Marriage for his efforts in the emergency. I feel I must share some of the anxiety about this report because I was called on to help in providing a good deal of material to give the report body - and this had to be done at short notice. I hope OHS 21 will take its place among the others for reader interest, accuracy, and well written articles.

I am forwarding to you, under separate covers, 2 display cards and 25 printed post-cards heralding the appearance of this report I will mail direct from Vernon a post-card to every member whose name appears in the printed membership list for 1957 - with the exception of prepaid members:

In the case of prepaid members, I will enclose a list for the Oliver-Osoyoos Branch, whom I expect you will wish to contact and supply them from your stock (when it arrives). All the names of Universities, schools, public libraries, etc., will be handled from my office - They must be billed and the bills collected.

The supply of postcards may meet a local need for contacting prospective members. The Branches can do a great deal to increase our membership through a special effort; this could be directed towards members of the Council, Board of Trade, Rotary, the clergy and complete saturation of the schools, etc.

With kind regards,  
Yours truly,

*Guy P. Bagnall*

Treas.

*P.S. Pleased to advise Don Whitham  
has recovered so far as to be able  
to do a few hours work daily  
Expect Reports about 20th G.P.B*



424 Park Avenue.  
Kelowna. B. C.

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Mrs. K. Lacey.  
Sec. Ok. Hist. Soc.  
Osoyoos. B. C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:-

On assuming the editorship of the Ok. H. S. Report, 1958, I wish to enlist the aid of the local branches of our society. It has been decided that the book shall include an "Historical Gazetteer", short historical statements about every place-name in Okanagan/Similkameen, including obsolete, derelict and tiny places. I think obsolete names important historically.

I am requesting all the Branches to call a meeting of their executive members for the purpose of appointing suitable people to dig up the data and write short statements (for the smaller places, and longer for the larger) regarding each place-name. In your district, the names of Testalinda, Camp McKinney and Inkaneep occur to me: there are doubtless others.)

In the case of your branch, there is a special situation. You have already appeared in print dealing with the earlier record of Fairview, Oliver, and Osoyoos, and I am hoping that the balance of your work on those places will appear in 1958 Report. If so, those places would appear in the gazetteer with just a summary of outstanding points which I (or someone) could digest from your articles. So in your case there will be only the small settlements to work on, in that case.

The book will contain miscellaneous articles in addition to the gazetteer, but if my plans materialise, it will be the result of the work of many more people than usual, if all our branches cooperate.

I trust I shall shortly hear from you upon the matter, and I hope the work may be tackled before spring weather causes outdoor activities to claim attention.

Yours faithfully,

*J. T. Marriage.*  
Editor.



WHEN REPLYING  
PLEASE QUOTE FILE NO. 058329

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
PROVINCIAL PARKS BRANCH

Victoria, B. C.

16th January 1958

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

The invitation to speak to your group is much appreciated but unfortunately I probably won't be in the Okanagan before April or May. At present we are trying to work out texts for 50 marker signs which should go up as soon as possible this spring. One is slated for the view point on Anarchist Mountain.

Since a continuing marking programme is planned, it is hoped that some suitable site near Osoyoos or between Osoyoos and Oliver can be found to point <sup>up</sup> ~~up~~ ~~to~~ one or more important features of the area.

When I next plan to be in the Okanagan I will write you in advance and possibly we can arrange a suitable date.

Yours very truly,

C. P. Lyons,  
Assistant Forester,  
Provincial Parks Branch.





DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
PROVINCIAL PARKS BRANCH

VICTORIA, B.C.

20th February 1958.

File: 058329

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

Your suggestion for a marker at the west end of the bridge appears to be an ideal site if a sufficient parking area could be provided for. Your other comments about possibilities are much appreciated too. For your information Testalinda Park has been cancelled as such but some use of a small piece of the land might be arranged.

The annual meeting of the Kelowna Historical Section is to be held sometime in April. The President, Mr. George Watt, was in this office yesterday, and upon his return to Kelowna will advise me of this date. I hope to use this as a basis for arranging a meeting time with both the Osoyoos and Vernon groups.

Sometime in early March I will write you and we will see if we could set a meeting for a day previous or following the one at Kelowna.

Yours very truly,

C. P. Lyons,  
Assistant Forester,  
Provincial Parks Branch.



DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
PROVINCIAL PARKS BRANCH

Victoria, B.C.

June 13, 1958.

File: 058329

Mr. Dave Whipple,  
Box 188,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mr. Whipple:

We are pleased to have your suggestions about the marker on Anarchist Mountain. You have covered the general theme of travel very thoroughly and I wish that space were available to further amplify the length of text to which we are confined at present.

Actually the sign for Anarchist Mountain was cast several weeks ago to have it ready for the erection crew now working in the Okanagan Valley. We hope you will approve of the wording which does appear to be a summary of your comments.

SOUTHERN CROSSROADS

A valley north and south, a sandspit east and west - this was the crossroad of the centuries. Down the Valley on Indian trails came the laden horses of the Fur Brigade from 1824 to 1848. Later, miners and settlers streamed northward. Across the sandspit ran the busy Dewdney Trail to the eastern goldfields. Routes of the past are highways of today.

Yours very truly,

C.P. Lyons,  
Assistant Forester,  
Provincial Parks Branch.



# OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VERNON - KELOWNA - PENTICTON

ARMSTRONG - ENDERBY

OLIVER-OSOYOOS

R.R.1 Box 2278,  
Penticton.B.C.  
November 21st. 1958.

To all Branch Secretaries.

At a joint meeting of the Executive and Editorial Committee, of the Okanagan Historical Society, held in October; it was decided to continue the Essay contests.

Pupils of all Junior-Senior High Schools in the Valley will be eligible to compete. As last year, each Branch will give a prize of \$ 10.00 to the pupil submitting the best essay in each school district. The winning essay to be in competition with the winners from other districts for a trophy awarded by the Okanagan Historical Society. The trophy will be awarded to the school attended by the pupil whose essay is judged the best.

Each essay to be limited to one thousand (1000) words and the closing date to be March 31st. 1959.

The winner of the trophy last year was the Southern Okanagan High School, Oliver. For an essay submitted by Miss Sandra Ball. This essay and the first prize essay from the Vernon High School will appear in the 22 nd. Report of the Okanagan Historical Society.

Will you please contact your High School Principal in this connection.

Yours sincerely

*Vera E. Bennett*

Secretary.O.H.S.

P.S. I will be away for several months from December 1st. to April 1st. Mr R. Fraser, 722 Lawson Avenue, Kelowna. will act as secretary in my absence. V.E.B.

# Okanagan Historical Society



1725 Pandosy St.,  
Kelowna, B. C.,  
April 11, 1959.

Mrs. Ed. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey,

Many thanks for your letter which I should have answered before this. Am glad that you liked the shield and that you thought it suitable. Many thanks to Mr. Becker and yourself for the trouble you went to in making the presentation on behalf of the Okanagan Historical Society to the Oliver High School.

Re the essay, I think it would be okay if they were handed in by May 30th. this year. Am sorry that you misunderstood Mrs. Bennett's letter. We decided that an essay on any historical topic in connection with the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys, with a minimum of one thousand words, would be the subject for this year.

I hope Ed and yourself will be able to attend the Annual Meeting of the Historical Society being held here this year. You will be receiving a letter from Mrs. Bennett within the next few days re the Branches sending in nominations for officers of the Society for the annual meeting.

Floss joins me in kind regards to Ed. and yourself.

Yours sincerely,

*Don Whitham*

J. D. Whitham.





HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS BOARD OF CANADA

The University of British Columbia.

October 15, 1955.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 114,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

Thank you for your letter of October 5. I am sorry you are having difficulty about marking the first Customs house in Osoyoos. Might I suggest that you take this matter up with Mr. Willard Ireland to ascertain whether there is a possibility of the Provincial government interesting itself in the erection of the marker. You might remind him that the Public Works Department helped the Grand Forks Boundary Historical group in putting up their marker and that you are most anxious to preserve an important historical site in Osoyoos.

I am sorry that this is not a matter for the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada because we have made a rule that we only mark the first of any important buildings or events in Canada and I take it that the first Customs house in Canada may have been situated somewhere in one of the Eastern provinces.

With best wishes,

Yours sincere ly,

*Walter N. Sage*  
Walter N. Sage



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES  
VICTORIA, B.C.

February 2, 1956.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Secretary,  
Oliver-Osoyoos Historical Society,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

Your letter of Jan. 28th has come to hand and in connection with the Osoyoos Custom House plaque, normally I prefer to have the local region draft out what they would like in the inscription and then I do my best to recast it. In this instance I have made up a tentative inscription and I would appreciate it if your society would examine it and make any suggestions they wish. From this distance, as you can imagine, it is rather difficult for me to capture the point of view that is to be stated. My suggestion is as follows:-

OSOYOOS CUSTOM HOUSE

Following the discovery of gold in British Columbia and the rush of 1858, the old brigade trail of the fur-trader became one of the gold seekers routes to the Cariboo. On this site in 1861 the first custom house in the Okanagan Valley was erected under the supervision of John Carmichael Haynes.

I am interested to hear of your success in gathering together relics of the history of your area. Insofar as the copper plate on the dam of the South Okanagan Lands Project is concerned, I have never seen it and I would suggest that you direct the inquiry to the Deputy Minister of Lands, Mr. E. Bassett, as he may be able to assist you.

With every good wish, I remain

Yours sincerely,

*W. Edward G. Duleand*  
Provincial Librarian and Archivist.

WEI:McQ.



# Okanagan Historical Society

Box 144,

Osoyoos, B.C.

Oct. 5th, 19 55

Mr. W.E. Ireland

Provincial Librarian and Archivist  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Ireland;

The wstrike situation being under control and ap pl  
harvest well under way, we managed to get the executive together to  
take up again the matter of a marker for the first Custom House here  
at Osoyoos.

The members wer e somewhat at a loss as to what si  
size the p lacque could be and just how much we could p ut on it. In  
view of the ~~fixx~~ presentious Customs building now at the border it wa  
was felt some mention of the size a nd final cost of the first o  
Custom house should be mentioned, and further that the marker will  
be set up opp osite the gate to the Osoyoos Cemetery, part of which  
is a pioneer plot where Judge Haynes and his second wife are buried  
some mention of this fa ct should be included.

Itis the first time that a nyone of us have ever  
had any contact with such a project and will welcome any advise and  
suggestions you have to offer.

All the executive were agreed that the probabl e  
date would be 1861.

If there is any other pertinent data that you  
thi nk shoul d be used we would be very pleased if you would tellus

yours sincerel y

Secretary  
Oliver- Osoyoos Branch  
O. H. S.



THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

VICTORIA, B.C.

August 25th, 1955.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

Many thanks for your letter of August 22 and I really had suspected that Mrs. White would not have any additional information than that which I had been able to dig up from the records here. My own feeling is that probably it would be quite justifiable to use the date 1861, for it seems to me that it is reasonable to assume that the building was completed late that year.

I fully appreciate the complications of the situation in the Valley at the moment which has necessitated the decision to defer the meeting of your executive in order that a suggested inscription can be sent to me. I would prefer to wait until I had your suggestions as then it is possible for me to frame the final one in a way that would probably be quite acceptable to you.

Yours sincerely,

*William Ireland*  
Provincial Librarian and Archivist.

WEI/MC





TO ENSURE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION  
PLEASE QUOTE FILE No. 33-0-5

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Court House,  
Penticton, B.C.

March 9, 1956.

Okanagan Historical Society,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith Permit No. 203/56  
covering the erection, maintenance and use of  
a historical marker (8 ft. sq. base and 5 ft.  
high) with suitable fence, to encroach 8 ft.  
on the Right-of-Way of the Old Okanagan Highway,  
adjacent to Lot 326, S.D.Y.D.

Yours truly,

L. E. Willis,  
Divisional Engineer.

/jb  
Encl.

GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Permit No. 203/56  
File No. 5040 - 2  
Letter No. 1097804

PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT WORKS WITHIN CROWN LANDS

The works comprising the erection, maintenance and use of a historical marker (8 ft. sq. base and 5 ft. high) with suitable fence, to encroach 8 ft. on the Right-of-Way of the Old Okanagan Highway, adjacent to Lot 326, S.D.Y.D., as per application dated February 1st, 1956, submitted by the Oliver-Osoyoos Branch of the Okanagan Historical Society.

are hereby approved in so far as they relate to the use of Crown lands, interference with public works, or other matter under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Highways, and permission to construct, use, and maintain the said work is hereby granted to Oliver-Osoyoos Branch of the Okanagan Historical Society, Box 144, Osoyoos, B. C.

The said approval and permission to construct, use, and maintain works is, however, at all times subject to the following conditions:-

1. That the construction and maintenance of the said works is carried out to the satisfaction of the Chief Engineer.
2. That before opening up any highway or interfering with any public work, intimation in writing of the intention to do so must be given to the District Engineer at least seven clear days before the work is begun.
3. That any person appointed by the Chief Engineer for that purpose shall have free access to all parts of the works for the purpose of inspecting the same.
4. That the construction of the said works shall be commenced on or before the 15th day of March, 1956

and shall be prosecuted with due diligence and to the satisfaction of the Chief Engineer, and shall be completed on or before the as soon as possible after commencement.

5. That, unless with the consent of the Chief Engineer, no more than fifty (50) yards of pipe-track or other excavation in any public highway is to be open at any one time. The highway must at all times be kept open for traffic, and all trenches and excavations shall be filled in and the roadway completely restored for traffic close up to the pipe or other work which is being built. All trenches and excavations, where deemed necessary by the District Engineer, are to be properly timbered for the protection of adjacent property. In refilling trenches and excavations, care shall be taken to properly consolidate the material, so that the subsequent settlement may be a minimum, and all surplus material is to be removed from the Provincial Crown lands, or deposited where and as required by the District Engineer.

6. That where the work for which permission is hereby granted comes in contact with any bridge, culvert, ditch, or other existing work, such existing work must be properly maintained and supported in such manner as not to interfere with its proper function during the construction of the new work, and on the completion of the new work the bridge, culvert, ditch, or other existing work interfered with shall be completely restored to its original good condition.

7. That when necessary all excavations, materials, or other obstructions are to be efficiently fenced, lit, and watched, and at all times every possible precaution is to be taken to ensure the safety of the public.

8. That the person or persons for whom these works are being constructed, or by whom these works are maintained, shall at all times accept full responsibility for any accident that may occur or damage that may be done to any person or property whatsoever caused directly or indirectly by these works and shall save harmless and keep indemnified the Crown from all claims and demands whatsoever in respect of the works.

9. That the permission herein granted to use and maintain the works is only granted for such time as the land or public work in, upon, or over which the said works are constructed is under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Highways. This permission is not to be construed as being granted for all time and shall not be deemed to vest in the permittee any right, title, or interest whatsoever in or to the lands upon which the works are constructed. Should the lands affected at any time be included within that of an incorporated municipality or city, this permission shall become void, unless the works are on a highway duly classified as an arterial or primary highway pursuant to Part III of the "Highway Act."

10. That after receiving notice in writing of the intention on the part of the Provincial Government to construct, extend, alter, or improve any public work, the person or persons responsible for the maintenance of the works for which permission is hereby granted shall within six weeks move or alter such work at his or their own expense to such new position or in such manner as may be necessitated by the construction, extension, alteration, or improvement proposed to be carried out by the Provincial Government.

11. That while reasonable care will be taken on the part of the Provincial Department of Highways to do as little damage as possible to any private work in the carrying-out of the construction, extension, alteration, improvement, or repair of any public work adjacent thereto, the Provincial Government can accept no responsibility of any kind for such damage.

12. That the permission hereby granted to construct, use, and maintain work is granted without prejudice to the provisions of the "Highway Act," "Public Works Act," or other Acts governing Crown lands and public works or their use by the public.

13. That this permission shall be in force only during such time as the said works are operated and maintained by the applicants, their heirs, successors, and assigns, to the entire satisfaction of the Chief Engineer.

14. That all excavations shall be carefully back-filled with suitable material, which is to be tamped into place, and that the permittee shall restore the surface of the road and shoulders and ditches, at his own expense, to the satisfaction of the District Engineer of the Department of Highways.

15. This permit is valid only for the specific works stated herein. Any alterations or additions must be covered by a separate permit.

16. That these works shall be identified with this permit number, namely, "H. 203/56 / and carried out in a manner satisfactory to the District Engineer of the Department of Highways."

February 28, 1956.

Department of Highways, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

*E. S. Jones*  
(E. S. Jones).

Deputy Minister.





PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES  
VICTORIA, B.C.

May 2, 1956.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

Your letter of April 30th has come to hand and I must apologize for the long delay in replying to your previous letters regarding the Osoyoos marker, but I have been so heavily involved with work here I simply could not get back to the subject.

What I am now proposing to do is to bring the correspondence with me in the hope I will have the opportunity of seeing you while I am in the Valley, either at the Women's Institute meeting at Okanagan Falls or my evening meeting at Penticton, and then go over the whole project.

At that time, too, I would like to discuss the other problem you have raised in your letter.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*Willard Ireland*  
Provincial Librarian and Archivist.

WEI:McQ.



TO ENSURE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION  
PLEASE QUOTE FILE NO. 33-0-5

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Court House,  
Penticton, B.C.

Jan. 25th, 1956.

Mrs. K. Lacey, Secretary,  
Okanagan Historical Society,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Madam:-

Replying to yours of January 14th we  
are forwarding in quadruplicate, Application for  
Permission to Construct Works within Crown Lands.

Kindly complete these and return them  
to this office.

Yours truly,

L. E. Willis,  
Divisional Engineer.

LEW/jb  
Encls.



Mrs. K. Lacey.

Sept. 13, 1956.

OSOYOOS CUSTOM HOUSE

On this site the first Colonial Custom House in the Okanagan Valley was erected in 1861, John Carmichael Haynes in charge. Following the discovery of gold in British Columbia in 1858, the old fur-trader brigade trail became one of the routes to the Cariboo used by the gold seekers.

I notice on referring to your letter of July 31st that you have asked that the plaque itself should be vertical rather than horizontal and I have to let you know I do not think this is practicable because of the design of the plaque itself. The main casting is a fixed pattern involving a horizontal position and the lettering is added to it presupposing that particular form.

I do not imagine that, once the wording of the inscription has been decided upon, that there will be any great time lag in having the plaque cast, but I would certainly advise that you get specific details regarding its application to the base from the Department of Trade and Industry before you proceed too far in having the cement work done.

Apologizing sincerely for the delay, I remain

Yours sincerely,

424 Park Avenue  
Kelowna. B. C.

Oct. 1, 1959.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:-

I was sorry to miss you from the meeting yesterday. I do not recall any such gathering in the past when you and Mr. Lacey were absent. I hope Mr. Lacey's health was not the reason.

Vernon News was awarded the printing contract for O.H.S.23, and I am all set for the final stages except for a few matters. I took along to the meeting your material on Judge Brown which you wished me to return to you, and which I enclose herewith. I have written an article on the Judge in which I give you the credit for the facts.

I note that "Osoyoos Chronicles" in OHS 22 ends with "to be continued." Do you wish to send another instalment, however short, or would you prefer, considering the difficulties you have encountered, to have me write a short explanation as to why it cannot appear this time? You have done so much that it seems ungracious to expect even more from you. Let me know right away, please.

There is plenty of material on hand for OHS 23 and 24, so there is no worry on that score.

With kind regards to Mr. Lacey and yourself,

I am, yours faithfully,

*J. T. Marriage.*

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WHEN REPLYING  
PLEASE QUOTE FILE NO.....

058329

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
PARKS BRANCH

Victoria, B.C.

October 5th, 1959.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

First I must apologize for the long delay in answering your letter. A good deal of mail has accumulated during my absence.

I heard about the canoe from various sources and am glad to know it stayed in B.C. I hope you obtained some information on preservative treatment. We generally use clear Cuprihol on wooden items.

Regarding the cemetery problem at Fairview you might have the names carved or painted on the old headboards. At Barkerville we cut off the rotten bases and treated the remaining bottom portion by soaking it in Cuprinol. You might be able to nail them to a 2" x 4" post and drive this into the ground leaving the base of the headboard just clear of the ground.

I am preparing a report on Ft. Steele and in doing so have checked on available photos in the Archives and around Ft. Steele. Pictures appear to be very scarce. If you could persuade your friend to lend me his pictures for a week I would have copies made and return the originals to him.

Yours very truly,

C.P. Lyons,  
i/c Special Projects,  
Provincial Parks Branch.

Oliver, B.C.,  
21 February 1960.

Mrs. Ed. Lacey,  
Oliver-Osoyoos Historical Society,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

I should have been able to answer your request re the succession of the B.C. Police by return, but it has turned out that I have had to do a spot of researching and obtaining confirmation, and I am still not satisfied, since I should have been able to come with initials and the actual tenure in office of each man.

These matters I can continue to try to ferret out for you, but in the meantime I can give you the order of tenure, with a (?) after such as may be shaky as to recollection of initials:

- <sup>3</sup> Lakeland: with whom I had very little to do. He suffered from asthma, and I think gravitated into the Forest Service;
- D. A. McDonald: succeeded Lakeland, and moved into the new Oliver Police Office and quarters when they were put up. Mac was a very jolly man, and a very competent stage actor. I have observed him put on an act in Court, to the discomfiture of witnesses and defendants. Mac was the first of the B.C.P.P. to don the uniform evolved for that body, and I think this would be 1930; died in North Vancouver, private detective;
- R. E. Meadows: later a Corporal, now Stipendiary Magistrate;
- G. A. MacAndrew: attained rank of Staff-Sergeant with the RCMP., now retired and residing at Prince George;
- R. E. Shiell: for many years now retired and the Police Magistrate at Cranbrook. Dick was in charge at the outbreak of the 2nd World War. He had gathered up a very useful knowledge of the local Nazis, which Ottawa calmly ignored and so failed to reap sundry benefits they could so easily have had;
- W. B. (?) Stewart: came to Oliver with a lot of seniority in point of service, was transferred to Keremeos later, where he retired later still and became Stipendiary Magistrate, from which office he retired in 1959;
- Nels Winegarten: still in the War years. Transferred to Powell River (or Ocean Falls?) and left the Force when the RCMP took over. Retired;



F.E. Nelson: an exceedingly capable officer, marked for advancement in the BCPP. He was in charge at the time of (?) the take-over by the RCMP, which certainly played ball with the Provincials they absorbed, and Earl Nelson is an outstanding example of this. He went to Grand Forks as Corporal, very shortly thereafter to Trail as Sergeant, and for some years has been Staff-Sergeant at Cloverdale, I believe the largest RCMP establishment in B.C. that is not commanded by a Commissioned Officer. He may yet attain Commissioned rank;

H. J. Jennings: Now, here's where I find myself a little unstuck. Harold was a long service BCPP officer and followed (?) Earl Nelson, but it could be that it was he who was the incumbent at Oliver when the take over took place. I can get this from Harold himself. He was later transferred to Penticton as Corporal, RCMP, and is now Police Magistrate there.

The succession thereafter was all RCMP: A. Baker (now Corporal), I. G. Thorsteinson (Corporal, now Sergeant at Fort St. John); and Cpl. Wally Maguire is the present incumbent.

M. Marcus was the first and last BCP Policeman at Osoyoos, as you well know, and was taken over by the RCMP. Here again the RCMP has played ball, and this in spite of the fact that he had previously left the Federal Force in a spectacular blaze of indignation. He was Corporal when he left, is now Staff-Sergeant at Dawson Creek.

And of course you are aware that the first RCMP posting to Osoyoos was Larry Newington late in 1939. He is a Staff-Sergeant somewhere, too. Cpl. Ken Bond took over from Larry, is now Sergeant at Kamloops. (He injured his back in the far North as a young Constable, and certain lengthy trips to Shaughnessy getting mended up interfered with his normal prospects of promotion).

Ken was followed by Cpl. Bill Wallace, now Staff-Sergeant at Chilliwack. Cpl. A. L. Quinn was a BCPP take-over, got his Corporalcy at Osoyoos and went on to Grand Forks as Sergeant. The RCMP has played ball wherever a man has cut the mustard, but they surely dumped the other kind, the political sort.

This has developed into a sort of gossip sheet, but it has been very pleasant putting the old memory to work.

Frances has got her Mother using her most remarkable memory, ~~working~~, with a view to letting you have something about her family, in their own way quite a remarkable bunch and definitely pioneer do-ers in this Valley.

All kind regards - and good luck.

Sincerely,

*J. H. Mitchell*  
J. H. Mitchell

Palmetto to C  
702. South Beach Dr  
RR2. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 60

Dear Patie

Greeting this lovely afternoon  
- sunshining in all my windows -  
Thank you for your long news -  
letter - we have had two historical  
Branch Executive meetings.  
D. Ross came down for the one last  
Wednesday - Trevelly was quite  
impressed with him - has no back  
ground historically but is very active  
in the ball - Yes! the B. C. H. S. is to meet here  
at the Prince Charles on 21-22-23<sup>rd</sup>  
May. Robert of the Colonist is one speaker  
and they have to choose another - Mr.  
Haggen is to give his report at the May  
meeting - there is to be a luncheon too  
D. Gordon & Maquie will be there  
as a speaker - I have been over &  
over - Why not give them of the



Herald - he is good - What do you  
 mean" apt to <sup>have</sup> trouble with the  
 Annual and the Museum?? Could  
 I help in any way with the other  
 Fairview - Oregon Chronicle? and  
 Police have you the original names.  
 Yes Flossie has been with me since a  
 week ago Saturday - will be going  
 to Betty Wiggins tomorrow - She  
 is really like her own self - does ex-  
 actly her meals - which I cook &  
 she does the dishes - the best is what  
 she needed - D. White brought your letter  
 of Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> today it had come to the  
 Clinic - Yes! the weather has been very  
 fine - today is beautiful - no wind -  
 and a "thin" of ice on the lake - If I can  
 assist you let me know -

My best wishes to you and Ed

Very sincerely  
 Foster White



Parkton B.C.  
702. South Beach  
Dr.  
Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>/60.

Dear Katie.

Thank you for your letter and very  
sorry I was unable to get down to  
your O.N.H. meeting - but Wednesday  
was quite an effort for me; and from  
my cottage "down south" looked  
very stormy - and thank you for  
your invitation today with you -

I do hope you had a good meeting  
what was Mr. Haggree's subject? and  
I have wondered when the Board are -  
Greenwood Historical meeting is to be.

It is about time this 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual came  
out. I had a long letter from a student.

Russell Walsh from Armstrong - he wanted  
me to write the "Tun" story of Fairview, he  
sent a really pencil drawn sketch of  
the "Fairview Valley" - I could not make  
head nor tail of it - rather a tall order  
don't you think? Did you know that



Dicky Caw & Tim Vernon's son is to be  
sent to Uyoos by the forestry?  
Vernon very pleased - M<sup>r</sup> Bennett  
should be home today - it will be quite  
a flip from the north - How is Val's  
history coming on? have not had  
a word from her! I am sure that  
Cattle Truck business was a big  
financial blow! C. R. O. T. certainly  
went to town last week - a lovely  
Party at the ~~Reverend~~ Charles  
for all the sponsors! Jack & Thelma  
asked so they could escort  
me! The "Smores bouc" table was really  
a la M<sup>r</sup> Beatus - and how some people  
even pile their plates two and three  
times! One lady next to me said  
"I am a hell to eat" I will write to  
S. J. re the Secretary - I wonder if  
it was ever blessed or consecrated  
I asked M<sup>r</sup> Beatus me & got no  
reply! Who would know? There is  
a bit of Catholic in me so I'd say



understand and sympathize!

Glen Graham was in for a few  
minutes the other day -  
Oliver's grave and the numerous  
grave have not he attended to.  
Poor Oliver, but I will never  
forget her the night of D? While's  
accident here, but for her  
help I could not have saved  
her from being buried to death  
and the cottage too! and how  
wonderfully she was to get up with  
D? Gibbon - in coming for the  
Doctor! I look back on it and  
wonder where I got the strength  
& courage - that night - after not  
arriving from Vancouver in  
the Bus - at 11-p.m. - why do these  
things happen? after years  
of guarding against it!  
Some one, some how has to fix



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up her grave! - The aurora  
too! A bit lonely this late after  
noon - wind has been continual  
off the lake! and Old Turner's  
Mountain is snow capped!  
which means winter is hovering  
very near! and the autumn  
"roll of the waves" are chilling.  
but the little Radio I was  
presented with last week -  
is a treat - I'm in the arm  
of my "wa wa" chair as  
Dick Causin called it &  
I turn it on when I want  
it - all for now

Best wishes to you and Ed.  
Very sincerely  
Hester C.

408-38th Avenue, S.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta,  
November 16th, 1960

Mrs. E.J.Lacey,  
OSOYOOS,  
B.C.

Dear Mrs Lacey:

At the suggestion of Mrs Rupert Haggan of the Grand Forks district, I am taking the liberty of writing you for some information about the Customs office at Sidley, B.C., which was in charge of R.G. Sidley, during the period 1898 to 1908.

Possibly I should first introduce myself. For over thirty-three years I was District Inspector of Customs, and had jurisdiction at different times all the way from the Great Lakes to the pacific coast. I am trying to write the history of Western Canadian Customs offices since confederation, for the historical authorities, purely voluntarily with no monetary reward.

What I would like to try and find out about Sidley is:

- (a) Where was the office located?
- (b) What purpose did it serve?
- (c) Was there any access by road or otherwise to the United States from Sidley?
- (d) Any other historical information which might have a bearing on the need for Customs services.

Your co-operation in the foregoing would indeed be appreciated. Mr. Sidley seems to have been a very eccentric person and is well known for his attitudes, etc. I am well acquainted with Perley Simpson. I inspected his office on many occasions.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. Do you know if the building in which the Customs office was located, still stands?

HERBERT LEGG.



Box 144

Osoyoos, B.C.

Nov. 20, 1960.

Mr. Herbert Legg  
408 - 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue, S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta

Dear Mr. Legg:

I have your letter of Nov. 16 regarding Sidley Customs Port of Entry. We seem to have a common interest & it is very interesting.

Regarding The Sidley Customs one thing I do not have is The date and as your letter states 1898 - 1908 I presume you have got these from The records at Ottawa, which would make them authentic & I have to depend mostly on what the old timers tell me. I did have The idea that Sidley was in service earlier than that. He settled on Anarchist Mtn. 1885.

At that time Haynes was at Osoyoos. He died in 1888, Kruger was Customs officer from 1890 till he died in 1899 I believe.

Sidley was situated on 9 Mile Creek, named thus because it was just 9 miles from Osoyoos on The Hedwney Trail. There was a wagon road from Osoyoos that followed this trail and went on to Chesaw, past the Hee-Hee-stone and down Myers Creek

to Rock Creek. a road had been hewed thro' the timber, eight miles in length, to Camp McKinney from Sidley in 1893 & it was over this road that the stamp mill <sup>for</sup> from the Cariboo mine was hauled. This wagon road came from Fairview, thro Ineamet village down the east side of Asoyoos Lake <sup>below Oroville</sup> and on down the west side of the river with a branch that went up the hill to 9 mile & Rock Creek, this was known as the old Reservation Road. There was no road from Bridalville to Asoyoos other than this road until 1910. In 1906 the Great Northern was building into Oroville & also in 1906 Porter Bros. of Spokane, bought some land & the store from Sidley. They had a contract to supply ~~bridge~~ timbers for bridges, culverts & trestles. They brought in their own mill which they set up on land they bought from Sidley who by now had a hotel & store there. Porters' mill was built along side the right-of-way & after the Railroad was completed ran the mill for almost 20 years. They acquired some 20,000 acres of land & raised their own ~~log~~ logging horses. As there



was a heavy duty on dressed lumber they cut the rough lumber on the Canadian side using a belt chute. The lumber was moved to a planer on the American side - where it was dressed, loaded on cars + shipped to Spokane for very high prices. About 1907-08 The <sup>Bridgesville</sup> Port of Entry was opened. James Kerr <sup>in charge</sup> for six months till he was transferred to Midway + Alan Eddy took over until this port was closed.

The Sidley Customs House was a log building + I believe is still there. I have always been going to get a picture of it, but as I don't get around so good these last few years I just haven't done it. I will make enquiries. There was an American Customs on Nine-Mile Creek down near the lake, at the south end of Osoyoos Lake. I don't know when it closed but I could find out. It was still there when we came here in 1911. rather dilapidated tho'.

In 1961 Osoyoos can celebrate 100 years of continuous Customs Service here. Any thing you can give me in the way of information about Osoyoos. will be greatly appreciated

especially from 1888 at the death of Judge  
Haynes till Kruger took over in 1890. - also  
from Kruger's death till  <sup>sometime</sup>  ~~sometime~~ took over  
He knew him quite well, + what year the  
Customs house was built there. That is the 1st  
one made of lumber. We have Kruger's Cash Book  
from 1890 - Sept. 1896.

We are hoping to open a museum  
here next year to celebrate the 100 years.

If there is any further information  
I can help you with I will be glad to do so  
I have a copy of a letter written by Joel Palmer  
who brought the first wagon thro' the Okanogan  
from Portland to Kamloops in 1858 + how he  
paid duty at Kamloops. I can't locate it  
right now, but will be doing so as I plan  
writing an article on it. It is really interesting

Yours very truly

(Mrs) K. Lacey

Mrs. E. J. Lacey

Do you know of a port of entry at Similkameen  
J.C. Haynes in 1861 before he was moved to Coquille



408-38th Avenue, S.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta, Nov 22-1960

Mrs. E.J.Lacey, Sr.,  
P.O. Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mrs Lacey:

It was very kind of you to reply so promptly to my letter of November 16th, in re the former Customs office at Sidley, and for the detailed information you sent. I shall be able to use it all, and shall give its source.

There seems to be some doubt about Wm. S. Jones, being a Customs officer at Osoyoos, as the official records do not mention his name. However, J.C. Haynes died on July 1-1888 and T. Kruger did not take over until the fiscal year 1890-1, so that it is possible Mr. Jones acted in a temporary capacity during the period of Mr. Haynes demise and the appointment of Mr. Kruger, and on that account his name is not shown. Could you definitely confirm Mr. Jones being a Customs officer at Osoyoos in 1888 and 1889? This would then make all our records coincide including those of Grand Forks.

I am enclosing a statement showing officers in charge of Osoyoos Customs office down to 1924 (the date my historical write-ups stop) which I trust will be of assistance to you. This has been taken from the official government records. The same applies to R.G. Sidley - 1898-1908 - being at Sidley Customs.

My association with the Customs office at Osoyoos only goes back to the 1930's, so that any historical information I have of that office is what you might call "book record"

Being a stranger to you I hesitate to ask for the loan of anything you may have of historic value pertaining to the Customs service, but I would appreciate borrowing any early photos of Osoyoos Customs, and the letter by Joel Palmer of Portland, to go with my history of Kamloops. If you would loan these to me I will have photostatic copies made and return the originals immediately, and be glad to pay registration by mail both ways.

No, I was not aware there was a port of entry (Customs) in the lower Similkameen in 1861. That was before the territory now known as British Columbia came into confederation,

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and it would seem this Port must have operated either under the Hudson's Bay Company or the British Government. Was J.C.Haynes ever employed by either of these to your knowledge? This "tid-bit" of information is most interesting.

In 1914 there was a Mr. W.C.Lacey employed by the Customs at Roosville, B.C. Was he any relation to you?

I have met Chester Charlton at Bridesville,- Allan Eddy used to stay at their place.

If you should take a snapshot of the Sidley Customs building I would be pleased to have one. Is there no person living in that neighborhood who would do this for us?

Yours sincerely,

HERBERT LEGG.





408-38th Avenue S.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta,  
November 24th, 1960

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
P.O. Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mrs Lacey:

When writing you the other day I omitted one thing - I was going to ask you exactly where Fairview was located, as in the early days we had a Customs office there, in 1899 to be exact.

I have searched the maps for this place to no avail. Would you like to send along this information? Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

  
HERBERT LEGG.

Peruilton B C.  
702. South Beach Dr  
Dec-2nd 1960

Dear Katie.

Thanks for your letter - & Val tho' he got on fine for a few days and expected to be out Thurs day, he took a turn for the worse - and has been, verique the last two days and still is - with great bladder! very confused but we hope for the best - tho' no good this am but to sit and write a letter & relax is me - so here goes to you!

Re Dick Sidley in June 1895 - not long after we had been sold out - I & Irene Sherman and I were alone at the old home at Oroyos - we got poking about in the old storehouse cellar & unearthed a stone bottle of Curaco - of course not knowing what it



was - opened it and it tasted good  
 so we enjoyed the really sweet  
 stuff - we went to the lake and got  
 into a boat - pushed off - and the  
 thing started to fill with water  
 Sherman was in the stern, got  
 scared & jumped off in deep water  
 his cowboy hat left floating on  
 top of the water - no Sherman - then  
 and I not very able, just then - who  
 should ride up but Dick Sidley who  
 rescued us - from a watery grave!  
 Laugh because it was funny for we  
 were three greenhorns after four  
 years in England! Sidley wanted  
 me to go and teach school up on the  
 Mountain -

July 1897 - Postmaster J. P. Brown &  
 Lawder of Greenwood came to  
 Uroyos with a prize - & J. P.  
 asked me to ride back with

successful, but packed out a  
Copper Plate on which ~~was~~  
~~found~~ <sup>discovered</sup> \$5000 in gold. ~~on the~~

\* In 1859 - he came to Blackfoot  
had a stopping place & store

\* He filed his "Poke" and ~~would~~  
go to San Francisco for a "little  
bit of fun" gambling & playing  
"black & white" - ~~one~~ very disgusted  
at his bad luck, he turned and who  
should be laughing at him but  
Herbert Smith a newspaper man  
in San Francisco! When Fitzgerald  
had subsided he got into conversation  
with Smith, who later came up to  
the trader - and ran a small store  
there. Thus to Rock Creek during the  
"plague days" after which he packed  
his "goods" to the foot of Toiyook Lake  
thence as the "Hills Traders" took up  
land south of the Boundary line and  
did a "tin cup" whiskey with the



408-38th Avenue, S.W.,  
Calgary, Alta,  
December 6th, 1960

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
P.O. Box 144,  
Ossoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

In answer to the enquiry contained in your letter of November 29th last, I would advise that Mr. J. Barber was Customs officer at Fairview, from July 1-1899. He remained in charge until the fiscal year 1905-6 (the exact date I do not know) when H. Main took over from him. Just when Mr. Main's services terminated the records are not clear. He was paid on a 15% commission basis on his Customs collections. In the fiscal year 1905-6 he was paid the sum of \$4.28 and that is the last commission I can find that was paid to him, so it is safe to assume his services terminated in 1906 sometime. Other than the foregoing I have no information, but if in your research you should come across anything relevant to Customs, I would be pleased to have you pass it along to me.

The office at Fairview came under the  
Chief Port of Grand Forks, B.C.

Yours sincerely,

HERBERT LEGG.

408-38th Avenue S.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta,  
December 6th, 1960

Mrs K. Lacey,  
P.O. Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mrs Lacey:

Your letter of November 29th arrived today, and I was very pleased with the information you sent me, particularly that taken from the early records of Osoyoos. I take it from your letter that I can keep everything you sent, but if not, please let me know.

In order to keep my files in order I write separate letters for each Customs office, thus two letters at this time.

With regard to Similkameen I know nothing previous to 1907, that is at the time the G.N.R. was being constructed up the Similkameen valley from Nighthawk. The first Customs office was at Chopaka, opened on July 1-1907, with W.M.Frith in charge. It was closed on April 1-1908. The office at Chopaka was re-established on January 1-1959. At about the same time the office at Chopaka was opened Alan F. Eddy (now living at Osoyoos) later of Bridgsville, convoyed freight trains through the U.S. back and forth from Bridgsville, as the railway line "snaked" along the boundary and this method obviated many Customs problems.

The office at Similkameen was opened on Feb 1-1917, under the Chief Port of Greenwood, B.C., with M.C. Chamberlain in charge. On October 1st, 1918, the survey was transferred from Greenwood to the Port of Penticton. Mr. Chamberlain remained in charge until June 30-23, when he was succeeded by M.R.Smith on July 1-1923. Mr. Smith's services terminated on February 22-26, and was followed by R.H.Carmichael on February 23rd, 1926. On November 30th, 1940 I personally closed the office at Similkameen and transferred it and Mr. Carmichael to Keremeos.

Herbert Legg.



408-38th Avenue, S.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta,  
December 30th, 1960

Mrs Katie Lacey,  
P.O. Box 144,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mr's Lacey:

I have your letter of December 13th. I have delayed answering it in order that I might be able to further check what information is available in re Osoyoos and Fairview, B.C., and this is what I found after very careful research.

1. In May 1903 an Order-in-Council was passed by the federal government, closing Osoyoos as a Customs Port of entry.

2. In March 1905 another Order-in-Council was passed establishing Osoyoos an Outport and Warehousing Port under the survey of the Chief Port of Grand Forks, B.C.

3. There is no record of any Customs officer, or services, at Osoyoos May 1st, 1903 to March 31st, 1905.

4. In the fiscal year 1902-03 (to May 1st, 1903) J. Love was acting as a Customs Preventive Officer at Osoyoos.

5. On May 1st, 1903, J. Love takes over the Customs office at Fairview, B.C., and remained there until February 28th, 1905. He was followed by H. Main, who was employed on a commission basis of 15% on the amount of Customs collections. Fairview must have been closed shortly afterwards as Main's commissions only totalled \$4.28.

You will note from the foregoing that during the period May 1903 to March 1905, the Customs office at Osoyoos was closed, and during the same period Love was at Fairview. There is nothing in the official records that I can find to indicate Fairview assumed the Customs business of Osoyoos, but the circumstances are such that this seems to be what happened. At

over

I shall be awaiting the receipt of the negatives of the old Customs building at Sidley.

HERBERT LEGG.



# OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Middle Bench & Naramata Rd.  
Penticton.B.C.  
January 5th.1961.

To Branch Secretaries.

Dear

You and all members of your Branch will be glad to hear that Mr Macdonald phoned me last night to say that Major H.A.Porteous of Oliver has consented to act as Editor of the Okanagan Historical Report. Any material members may have for the 25th. Report should be forwarded to him; Major H.A.Porteous  
Oliver.B.C.

There is another matter which I must bring to your attention. At the September meeting of Directors and Editorial committee, a letter from The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation was read, in which it was stated that they are preparing a series of programs entitled "Flashback" which will consist of tape recorded interviews with Pioneers.. They request that we compile a list of Pioneers to be interviewed with a story about each and giving reasons why we think they should be interviewed. Mr Macdonald requested that each Branch prepare a list with stories and forward them to me as secretary. Will you please bring this matter up at your next Executive meeting.

Yours sincerely

Secretary.O.H.S.

408-38th Avenue, S.W.,  
Calgary, Alta,  
February 23rd, 1961

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
OSOYOOS, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

I received your letter of February 20th today, and have to apologize for something which is not my fault. I duly received your two letters, and immediately upon receipt of the first one I sent the snapshots to G. Larson, Creston, B.C. who does my photographic work, asking that duplicates be made, etc., and although I wrote him about two weeks ago to find out progress he was making, he has not replied. So today I got in touch with him by telephone and he assures me he will attend to them immediately. Mr. Larsen does all the work for my son who owns the Creston Review, so that is the reason he does my work. The last photo of Sidney I have had copied and was holding it until I could return all of them. I trust my delay in returning photos has not caused you any inconvenience, but from the explanation I have given you will know the reason.

In doing so more research on Osoyoos I came across another Order-in-Council, dated 9th September, 1902, viz: OTTAWA, 9th September, 1902.

You are hereby advised that Osoyoos, under Grand Forks, B.C. has ceased to be an Outport of Customs; and also that a Preventive Station has been established at Keremeos under the survey of the said Port of Grand Forks, B.C. "

I thought you would be interested in this additional history of Osoyoos.

To help you defray the postage you have spent on my behalf, I am enclosing a contribution toward it.

Thanks again, and rest assured your pictures will be returned by registered mail in the next few days.

Yours sincerely,

HERBERT LEGG.



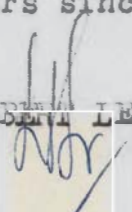
408-38th Avenue, S.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta,  
February 27th, 1961

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Box 144,  
OSOYOOS, B.C.

Dear Mrs Lacey:

Further to my letter of the 23rd instant,  
I am returning herewith by registered mail all the snapshots  
and drawings you sent me. May I again express my appreciation.  
To show you how the drawings look like after  
being photographed, I am enclosing one of the Custom  
House of 1892, which I thought very good. Will you  
please return it some time when writing. Your name  
(as the Artist) will now be in the Archives at Ottawa  
for posterity.

Yours sincerely,

  
HERBERT LEGG.



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES  
VICTORIA, B.C.

April 12th, 1961.

Mrs. Hester E. White,  
702 South Beach Drive,  
Penticton, B.C.

Dear Mrs. White:

It was so nice to see you in Osoyoos on Monday night and I am so sorry that you could not get in to the Archives when you were down in Victoria while the Legislature was in Session.

I have found a little information on "Blackfoot". I presume you have the references in John Goodfellow's article in the 7th Report of the Okanagan Historical Society, 1937, pp.14-15 and also in his article in the British Columbia Historical Quarterly, "Fur and Gold in Similkameen," Vol.11, p.83. In addition I found the following in the Victoria Colonist of June 3, 1861:- Later from the Mines. ... A trader from Blackfoot Flat (Similkameen) who came down by the Otter, reports matters are very encouraging in that section. There are about 50 whites and a like number of Chinese miners, remaining at Blackfoot.... A company has been formed to sink a shaft at the base of a hill back of Blackfoot Flat....Princetown, (laid out by order of the Governor last fall), seven miles below Blackfoot, is almost deserted. Blackfoot Flat and its immediate neighbourhood, contains 40 houses, including miners' cabins....Several prospectors from Blackfoot to Okanagan had returned....

As you know Governor Douglas made a visit to the Similkameen in the fall of 1860 but in his despatches or diaries we find no reference to "Blackfoot".

I imagine you have also seen the paragraph on Blackfoot Flats ~~by~~ in John Goodfellow's The Story of Similkameen, p.43, as follows: In his "History of British Columbia" Hubert Howe Bancroft quotes "The Victoria Colonist" for 5 February, 1867 which tells of Jackass John who prospected Similkameen in 1860, and wing-dammed a portion of it. After taking out \$40 in two days the water rose and drove him out. Returning in October, 1866 he washed out \$900 in fourteen days. Among other places, Jackass John worked at Blackfoot which was the earliest community formed by gold seekers. It was on the south fork of Similkameen, about six miles




south-west of Princeton, and two miles above Allenby. In 1861 the flat and its immediate neighbourhood contained forty homes, including miners' cabins. For many years this remained one of the forgotten ghost towns of the province. In September, 1935, the site was relocated, and identified with Kruger's Bar. According to James Jameson, iron spikes in a river boulder indicated till about 1925 where a bridge crossed to a store and hotel on the south side of the river....

There is a bit of a problem in this however for the date given by Bancroft for the Colonist reference is wrong: it should be January 29, 1867 not February 5, 1867. Moreover, in the Colonist reference it does not specifically state that Jackass John worked at Blackfoot but says his prospecting caused the rush to Similkameen and Rock Creek and that he returned to "the very spot" in 1866.

I do hope you will feel free to send the Kroger Certificate to me for photographing for I would be only too willing to do this for you.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

  
Provincial Librarian & Archivist.

# Okanagan Historical Society



Middle Bench-Naramata Rd.  
Penticton, B.C.  
May 5th. 1962

Dear Katy:

I have been a victim of this horrid flu for the last week and feel like the wrath of God. Hope I don't slip up on too many arrangements for the Annual.

Three essays came in from Vernon, Kelowna and Oliver- Osoyoos. I took them to Dr. Gordon, retired Professor of English, University of Alberta for judging. You will be pleased to hear that he selected the one by David Amor, South Okanagan High School as the best. It should be presented at the dinner so will you see that David is there and give him a complimentary ticket. I have written Kelowna to have the Trophy available.

A couple of other things I thought of. A place should be at the head table for the incoming President and wife, I presume this will be Mr and Mrs Bagnall as so far no other nomination has come in. Have you anyone in mind to introduce the Guest Speaker? How about Ivan Hunter? When the business meeting is over we can ask someone to give the toast to the Queen and to thank the caterers. What about the Grace before the dinner? Have you heard whether Dr. Goodfellow is coming? What a lot of questions. I haven't seen or heard anything from Frank, all arrangements seem to be left to the poor secretary.

I think those are all the problems,

Kica.

P.S. Hope your 'flu' is better

P.P.S. Frank came in just after I finished this letter. He thinks it would be a good idea to ask I have the honor to introduce speaker, if he won't know about major Porteous. Have asked Mr. Bagnall to present Essay Trophy. The Frank at radio station this morning, we did a tape which will be on Roving Reporter this evening.

Hope we get enough members out from the South to defeat motion to raise membership to \$3.00. Letter from Sec. of Vernon Branch, he thinks & coming down from there. Have any tickets been sent to O.K. Falls? Or shall I phone Hugh Fraser.

V.S.B.



Benedict Labre House,  
308 Young Street,  
Montreal 3, Quebec,  
April 28, 1961.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 19. As far as I remember, the Albert Millers had control of the art work from the Inkameep School, so that if you have their permission, that is all that is necessary. For when I left B. C., I relinquished all control. I was very pleased to hear of your interest in the affairs on the Inkameep Reserve. All the missionary work in the Canadian Okanagan was under the direction of the Oblate Fathers. Possibly John Goodfellow of Princeton could inform you who to contact through the Oblates. I am pretty sure that the missionary priests of the 1860's would have had their headquarters at Kamloops. So if you could discover who is looking after their archives, there, you would likely then be able to get the information required. I have no knowledge of the Kenneth Holts, but if they are still in Montreal, I would like to meet them. I fully expected to be in the Okanagan within a few weeks' time, but, at the last moment, I had to cancel my trip out West. It would have been very interesting for me to see this country and its people once again.

Yours sincerely,  
Tony Walsh.

*Tony Walsh*

Penhryn BC  
702 South Beach Dr  
June 26<sup>th</sup>/61

Dear Alice.

Thank you for your letter they are  
always interesting and I'm just  
working - glad the title Penhryn is  
in fact - claims at Fairview were stated  
over a radius of 30 miles - but no doubt  
most of them have lapsed by now -  
Re Father de Rouge building a church at  
Ston Little River - I cannot think of me as  
the owner of the ~~Penhryn~~<sup>Nelson</sup> Property - Father  
de Rouge came to the N. Carver when we were  
there in 1896 - in the fall - Excuse my  
mistake I read Nicholson rather than  
Nelson - that would be at Toledo Creek  
where Jenny Nelson lived & owned -  
She was Jenny McDonald nee Burke  
Wmalds daughter - did she not live with  
John Utz - then Mr. Jenny Lynch after being



Mrs Nelson - when she died she left the  
Toronto Place to a daughter or grand  
daughter who married a son of Harry  
Stanley of Orville - they were  
living at Coe's Lane when I met  
them when the Stone was unveiled  
at Toronto Creek - to the memory of  
Ranald McDonald - there is quite  
a bit about him in history of the Pacific  
Northwest - which you have - There was  
a father Bechard in Greenwood in  
1903-4 - he married my sister Susan -  
to Reg Gardom - so the little church if it  
still exists will<sup>be</sup> at Toronto Creek  
Have you ever been down that road  
from Midway to Carleton? it is the  
old Polville to Rock Cr. Rd -  
The Harry Nelson felt very hurt when  
the Toronto Place was not left to them

I don't think Margei Brent would  
know about a church she may went  
into that part of the County in

1942 - after Billy Brent has been  
dead - She married a Miller? just  
below Republic and made the  
mistake of not Registering when  
she entered the State - I don't know  
the last her claim to an allotment  
was not in the law -

all for now anyway and I hope  
it stays that way for a while -  
Heal has nearly flooded me?  
but no good



702. South Beach  
July 15<sup>th</sup>/08<sup>th</sup>

Dear Alice

Many thanks for your very interesting  
thought provoking letter received  
this am. You are certainly a wonderful  
person. To do what you do in this heat  
and go to Orobelle too! I used to ride  
& drive old fire-haulers which took  
down there for groceries. In 1897-98.  
If it wasn't heat it was mosquitoes  
the time I lived here up & he was white,  
when I came out of Sam's store  
he was grey with mosquitoes & when I  
told them he was red! I intended  
writing you to say how I enjoyed you  
& Ed. last Friday week! Glad you  
chose a cool day - but next time don't  
come on a Friday & we can have a  
good time and all the employees will  
be glad. Henry was very disappointed



she was not here - she went to  
Lunesdale last Sunday she & Joan  
with Martin Tugito - and goes to Barker's  
tomorrow - has a desk in the Hotel  
there and a steady job at Wingham  
Sept 1st - I am going to meet her a lot  
this good company - when I get stuck  
she can always go for help - even  
with Gabriel as on the spot - Mayor Parkman  
& Irene were here yesterday - went to  
attend the opening of the Art School -  
Irene to stay with me - she brought a  
chicken I did the rest - Jack & Shirley  
joined us for supper - poor Irene gets  
into weakness is rather than find  
strength because of her many  
troubles & frustrations - lately she  
has turned to me for help & strength -  
Feel very sorry I missed the U.B.C.  
Geological camp on Byers flat  
and about it too late - with you had



2 phoned me!

How far Chief Gregor:-

1st time I remembered him was just before Christmas - I was a very little girl we were in the new house on the East side of the lake - it would be 1842 or 3. Gregor and two other Indians came from Inuvik, it was near the house on the East side of the flat - my father gave them a beef which had been killed & dressed - Flour - Sugar - Tea Tobacco - two or three large cakes of dripping - After having used the large milk pans in which to save the rendered fat - no doubt there were other gifts. This little ceremony took place each year until my father died -

Re the Indians going to St Narup Russia - I remember a large number



of them going down and coming back  
himself - it was Cooper Christie &  
they went along the upper fence - but  
Sim-in-nat-hui one of my father's packers  
came to the house to ask what horses  
my father needed to go on one of his  
trips - Mother and Matilda were there.  
& Matilda remarked when he had gone  
that he seemed to hear better! Sim-in-nat-hui  
rode off on a better bay horse and just out  
side the gate on the trail to Tutanee he  
dropped dead - the horse standing over  
him - Matilda & I rode up to Joe Creek where  
our old friend was laid out - a number of  
Indians were there & many Indian children  
playing in the water - Father de Rougé when  
came to the house & stayed - held Mass.  
I taught the Indians to sing the Mass & hymns.  
I <sup>the Indian</sup> preached to them in the Indian - baptized  
Sutai in November 1857 - He must have said  
many Mass's at Tutanee for Mother left



3 the organ to the Tukameep Church  
where we left Uoyoo 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1888.  
Father de Rougé was the son of a French  
Countess. It was in May 1895 - that  
Val. Wil. Sherman came & took us up  
to Tukameep to mass - Father de Rougé  
saying it - Then in September 1896 Father  
de Rougé came to the Nicholson Pakei  
Mother was away - he stayed the night  
heard Confession - gave us Communion  
that was the last time I remember  
seeing him!

at Uoyoo in the Spring of 1898 - Chief  
Gregory - Little Jimmy - and two or three  
Indians came to the Grotto - which stood  
at the hill where the school is now, sat in  
a circle on the floor lit a little tobacco  
stone pipe - filled with Panakia & smoked  
the pipe of peace passing it from one to  
the other - Wilfred Lambly was about



three months old - That was the last  
time I remember seeing the old chief  
and he was very old -

Then Baptist became Chief - he was  
one of the three Georgio's. Suxap - was  
another - Naukui - or Siliho for he had  
brought Bishop's two children to Oryoro  
in Sept. 1881 - from Hike - The Bishop held  
the first Anglican service in the  
first building put up at "Oryoro"  
and the first Anglican service held  
in the Ukaaqaia (Ellis' Antlike  
the bel of history)  
During the 1st war when the Victory  
Loan was made Chief Baptist contributed  
a very large sum - Ohaia had a large  
men's folk presented to him - He told  
me that he received his first two  
Hefers from my father -  
He was decorated with the Coronation



4 Gold Medal by Col. Paquall -  
Dr. R. B. White was chosen to be  
honored at the same time!  
His son Chief Nascer Bates then  
became Chief - he did not live up  
to his father's reputation and to that  
then Chief Samuel Loui became  
the present ruler!!

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Chief Edward - was named Chief  
by Chief Francis three years  
before he died as he was very ill  
for a long time - W. B. White cared for the  
old Chief for a long time -  
Chief Edward and his wife Sophie  
were very fine Indians - had two  
daughters Mary and Maggie - who is  
still living -

Chief  
 Michel Jack followed Chief Edward  
 and then Chief Onea Gideon -  
 Chief Jack is the present one.  
 Chiefs are elected by the  
 Indian Bands every three years



Perkins B.P.  
Thursday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> / 01

Dear Katie

Enjoyed your visit yesterday. I  
think Ed likes to hear us' chat'  
Mourning Dove - was a M.<sup>r</sup> Gallie  
taught school at Tukameep - Mary  
Chief Edwards daughter married  
Gallie first - he squandered his  
Cattle - horses & money - she died of  
T.B. & then he married Mourning  
Dove. I have another book Ogeiwai?  
written by her - M.<sup>r</sup> Bennett has it - I  
will let you have it when it is re-  
turned. There is a lot of information in it.  
Re the Govt Buildings where I went in 1897.  
I have a lot written of the time I spent  
there! but it has to be revised - we should

have a new picture of it - the new  
I feel me has no room in the fourth side  
which was my bed room & which was built  
in when Mrs. C. B. Green & family  
lived there - she to keep house for family  
& Howard Webster - 1893? in 1895  
she was at the Coast to bring the cent  
in to the world - Mrs. Geo. Hager or  
Dag Hager may have me.

"The Sukameep Question - The Chapel being  
built on the "division line" it might mean  
the "boundary line" of the Reserve - which  
might not have at that time been to the  
lake shore! I remember riding up  
to the Sukameep Reserve with Matilda  
and all the Indians seemed to live  
up near the Church! Others the father  
planted "potatoes etc etc" in 1865 - on  
land across from the Creslow's House  
and in my mind I am convinced



He wanted that land - and Haynes  
blocked it - this from McCombes  
Freed to state it over Haynes.  
prevented that by writing Forbes  
George Jensen - who was the GTH  
Agent & later Commissioner at  
Tucson - might have been that  
that the Reserve was extended  
down to the Lake! Susan & Baber  
used to have up near the Church -  
I believe that was the first "bitter case"  
of Cecil's pleasure in his two  
"FVIL" moved to get the Haynes;  
to state "69 hook or by creek" & he got it

Sorry to hear Judge Brown is  
feeling his age - he is not the only  
one - it takes a lot of will power to  
live up to and do the work one  
really desires to do! much more matter!  
Was speaking to Mrs Bennett this  
a.m. - she as well as others plan  
to go to the Osage - to the  
Branch Historical Meeting!

Thank you for your invitation ~~but~~  
to stay with you - but really I feel  
more like "get and go" - we have to be  
content with just a visit - I still  
hot in his "life story" - his present mode  
of living does not allow for much  
encultation - and takes a lot -  
will close with best wishes to you  
and Ed - will be seeing you

Hester E.



Wednesday Sept 27<sup>th</sup>/61

Dear Katie

Greetings this a.m. Thank you for  
your letter - and too if he had prayed  
further than worried about me I would have  
got home 10 months earlier! but thank him all  
the same - and thank you both for your company  
your hospitality and your kindness at all times  
to me! I would not have missed my trip and  
the St Mary's Mission further or any thing - Had  
breakfast with Judge Brown - who I think looks very  
well and as clear as ever! left Okla. at nine  
o'clock to travel thru to Republic - down the  
Santitas Road to Mr. Ames' home - in a ranch

was received like an old friend - she was  
bottling pears. Maria was lying in her bed -  
so we chatted in the kitchen - Ed Haugsten  
is in the hospital - he got beyond the care Mrs  
Ames could give him! - left there a letter after  
2 p.m. drove to Carleton - & then up the Route  
to the Customs - along the river was beautiful  
wished I had had a companion - a tent & camp  
but put & stayed right there! pushed on <sup>to</sup> the  
Canada Customs was quite happy - wanted  
to know if I had anything to declare & say  
I had not brought anything - he said what  
about that can of coffee - it was sunk & that  
Mrs Ames gave me - I said oh! that was a gift  
I don't know if it is opened - when I looked it was



not! so I declared it real there - and  
then he said what about the ring in the  
back? that old affair I said I have had  
for years! so he let me go - dare him  
I gassed at Midway - and kept the gun  
the sun in my eyes. Crossed Toyos Mountain  
was trying but I sailed through & got  
to the little Cottage at 6 pm - all safe and  
sound in spite of Ed's worry! having enjoyed  
every moment of my "Cultus Course" - all by  
myself! During the night a miserable nose cold  
came on! and had I been miserable - have not had one  
for a long time - luckily I found my pills given to me years  
ago by Dr. Morris in Texas! There was a large ball  
of wood-mice seeds sprinkled over the little lawn

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near my bed room - that may have caused my  
hay fever cold - half of it is piled in the street now  
& the load will put in the rest on Saturday - you  
must be having a breeze as there is a gale blowing  
off the lake right now! Please keep a list of all the  
books & writings I have sent you for I have failed  
to do so - & keep it all private - will tell you more  
of the Indian woman in the Buckskin coat - and  
toque when I see you! All for now best wishes.

no playes today just thosmes

Hester E.



Kennecott B.C.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> 62



Dear Mrs. Lacey:-

I rec'd your letter yesterday and  
phoned Sam Mavery - He is just  
back from Lethbridge and want to  
able to go to your meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>  
as he has to go to the Coast to a wedding  
but he says the yearly meeting will be  
in May so he is hoping to go. He is going to  
get some Reports so he will be glad to  
set one.

Mr. Jamis - my husband, came to Upper Kennecott  
in 1900 & he and his brothers Jim & Bob built  
the Livery Barn there. There was a hotel built by  
Mr. Barce B. Kirby's store & P.Q. School House  
Butcher shop - (Sam McCardys) a local office -  
several houses one occupied by Mr. J. Jamis  
Dever's mother - his sister. Behind the Kirby  
store there was a Hotel of later time. Mr. H.  
Treadwell built his hotel at Richters townsite  
He ran a stage down to the train where it  
came thru Kennecott in 1907 - Mr. Jamis moved  
his livery barn down to Kennecott lower town  
in 1906. Our house was built next to the  
barn there - the first house. Where we lived  
for 45 years. After I bought a smaller  
house West 13 town our old house was  
torn down as they needed parking space

as the Barn had been transformed into  
a garage and needed more room. 98835.54  
Several new buildings were built in  
1907 - stores - business blocks etc. The  
Keweenaw Trumpet - (paper) was started in  
1908 by Joe Brown. The Community  
church was opened in Oct. 1908 - The  
minister was A. H. Cameron Pres. and  
Mr. Hibbert - Meth.

The Mines at Alabla were quite busy  
at that time. A great many prospectors -  
miners lived there. Old Jimmie Richards  
was one notable character. He had  
mined up an Apex - Meth. One time he  
was offered \$50,000 for property but was holding  
out for \$100,000 which he never got.

My father the late L. A. Clark built the  
road from Pentstemon to Maple Plate in  
1900 to get the machinery for mine hauled  
in - I believe there is an article in late  
Report by his grandson Herbert Clark.

I wish you could come over & visit me  
some time - Anyone in town could direct you  
to my house. The Steel garage man could  
tell you where I live.

Hoping to see you sometime. I went  
up with Rita Coleman to Joe Richter's 88  
birthday last Sat night & had a nice time.  
Best wishes. Winnifred C. Jones.



Keremeos, B.C.

9. A.M. March 24<sup>th</sup> /62

Dear Mrs. Lacey: -

I rec'd your letter Wed. when I went to Penticton to get my new "plate" & haven't got my lead & working to answer your letter. I am glad you asked questions then it gave me an idea of what you wanted. I am concentrating on Alalla today.

We came to Green Mountain in 1900 from Vernon when my father built that road from Penticton. The following year the Fish Lake road from Green Mtn. Rd was built by Govt. to connect with old road via Horn Lake to Keremeos. That winter after road was finished Billy Cohen came by and told us they were going to have a Xmas Concert at Keremeos Lager Town. & I prevailed on my father to take us over. you can understand what a lovelorn girl I was then. We drove over & stayed at the Burrells hotel all night. - met the people living there then.

Now to Alalla! - It was quite a lively little settlement with all kinds of prospectors. Mrs. Chaney & Mrs. McRay were the only women there but later Mrs. W. McLaughlin came with her sister, Miss Harding who had told them death there. The store - P.O. was owned by Mr. Pritchard - other prospectors were Jimmie McLaughlin & Uncle Wm. McLaughlin. Jas. Riordan who had prospects in

Agate Mtn. He has offered \$500 for them but  
refused reaching for \$10000 - didn't get it -  
Mr. E. E. Benson Bros. Montney - Forks - Mr. E. Miller  
The Bachelor gave a big ball in Hotel +  
invited everyone in district. The music came  
from Oak Falls and brought all the girls  
Joe Brent - Dick Barnett played violin + organ  
We danced all night waited for light 4 p.m. home  
The Mr. E. Miller girls - Ellen Barnett (Annette)  
Hazel Mc Kenzie. At that time there were  
no girls in Pentstemon except Ellen girls.

The next dance was given by Mr. Donnelly in  
a big log building. same crowd.

You may know that as far as I know Mrs. Close  
is still living as she + her daughter - Hazel went  
with the "Children of Light" under Mrs. Carlson.  
Mrs. Close is now over 90 yrs.

Mr. Wm. Hall still lives in Alameda +  
if you care to write her she might tell you  
more. Mr. Frank Reynolds was a young man  
working with survey around Keenewas went back  
to England his brother Godfrey still lives in Q.  
Early in 1900 Mr. Walling an English man who  
liked horses - started a stage starting from  
Pentstemon going as far as Penticton - charging horses  
at Green Mtn. stopping for dinner - coming  
back next day. We had many interesting people  
coming thru all stopping. There was a man  
Mr. Brecken, Mine Operator but two parties  
to Alameda -



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from New York - twice. some women mostly  
men he tried to get them to invest. We had  
afterward he was accused for misrepresenting  
the Agnations. We had pictures taken with  
these people. one man was an elderly artist.  
Mr. Brown - I suppose he got money from them.

One old lady came out from England to  
hunt Butterflies. Her nephew was with her and  
she walked all the way to Niskle Plateau.

She came two summers & got several special  
specimens.

Mr. Alex Ford and Ezra Mills took up  
land on Fish Lake Road. E. Mills came to  
Keremess (new town) in 1906

Upper Keremess is on Highway as far as Cemetery -  
above the Creek. The water supply was from the  
upper Creek. Mr. Geo. Kirby had store & P.O.  
then later sold at back. The school there  
was built before 1900 by H. Conklin. The  
first teacher I know was a Miss Mc Donald,  
then a widowed Mrs. Beach? marrying Jack  
McDonald later - then Miss Ferguson &  
Mrs. Wade. Rose Carmichael. Then the new  
school was built about 1907 between upper  
& lower towns on Bench where it still stands  
New High School built since. First church  
was built on Bench by Rev. A. D. Cameron  
(Pres.) afterwards sold to Pentecostal Assembly.  
When United Church was built down town.

The Races & celebrations were held May 24<sup>th</sup> & May 25<sup>th</sup> at Upper town. I went with them to a Concert and with dance in Rialto Hall. Keweenaw Center was later started by Harry Weddell. When he had taken leave of Hotel - (for P.Q.) I saw a bus down the train at Lower town Keweenaw after R.R. came in 1907

I am interested in hearing about Joe Chop - we never knew about his end. I have done train for my husband. One time we had 4 sleep, one room. Joe always had a good time teasing him - he would wait to see Joe come round & he would sneak up & beat him, then wait for school children to come & play with him. Did you know he had a boy - (Sandy Marcel)? who lives in Duluth now - a decent fellow - Joe never showed him so I suppose Sandy never got any of his money.

I don't know anything about Homer Silver. Perhaps Joe Bromley could tell you. I know Mr. Sam. Sam Manney lived there awhile.

If I can help you any more let me know. My sisters in law are always asking me when I am going to write the history of K. I am hoping to go to Annual Historical Society meeting.

Yours Very truly.

Winifred C. Davis



Kennebec. B.C.

July 18<sup>th</sup> 62

Dear Mr. Lacey,

I rec'd your letter this a. m. & will answer right away.

I didn't get out to Bobe Kyrin's funeral. I saw Ben Bramley a lot the month she was here they were in a hotel near me. Poor fellow! he suffered as long.

The way I remembered the Land Office was a Mr. Stoen's land surveyor - Frank Reynolds worked with him at that time.

I saw about the death of Edith Bradshaw. the last I heard of her she was in Penttichew.

I have been told that the Bradshaws came in to Hedley when Leonard was a baby. There was no road there just a trail - & evidently Edith was born there. She had a romance with some Englishman & turned Roman Catholic & I was surprised she wasn't buried by a Priest. Evidently the lady she lived with didn't know. Leonard & his mother died at Amherst and I believe are buried there - After L's death the estate was put in to Harry Barnes care & he looked after Edith. There was plenty of money & she lived with a Mrs. Bergstrom(?) Hedley for some time. She was quite a care (neat) & after Harry B. died she went to Penttichew. The Gov't took over the money and I don't know any more.

The old Bradshaw place was sold to Prosser & Lawrence & Jimmy Lawrence lived there. The old log house was torn down & Lawrence put up a new one. The Bradshaws had a stopping place for years and after the freighter started would stay there. The Nickel Plate mine was started in 1898 & in 1902 M. K. Rodgers sent to Vernon to get someone to build the road up from Pentstemon & Nickel Plate. My father L. A. Clark took the work and he came down in Aberdeen Boat in Aug. He started work from Indian Reserve & up end of the Green Mts. Road. You would see the water of in last Q. X. book by Herbert Clark - my nephew.

The only one I know who would have a picture would be the Lawrences. Hadley - if they were interested enough.

The funeral of Sarah Richter was held at 11 A. M. in Anglican church as she wasn't a good member of R. C. & didn't have last rites. The Woodlawn funeral Parlor had another funeral in P. M. at Pentstemon. After the funeral I went up with Mrs. & Mrs. W. Hall Alalla had lunch and they went on home in P. M. Sorry I didn't see you.

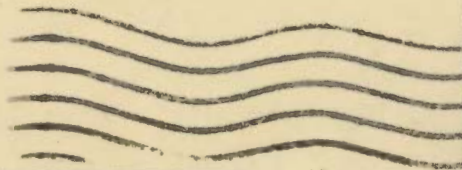
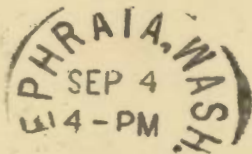
Hope to see you at Re-union in Pentstemon & Pioneers. Yours Truly -  
Winifred C. J. J. J.



Ephrata, Wn. 9-2-62.

Just landed here from Coulee Dam, where I found at P.O. 3 wks mail( papers etc) stored in box for me. Delighted to find the interesting book on historic sites, about which none of us know much. Thanks very much . Believe I wrote you of Prof John Brown & I spending Monday with Judge Brown at Okanogan home. He was in rare shape & e hepeld us with research. Read from his notes from talks with Moses' last wife Mary, 1907, 1912 & 1918. Born 1830, her memoirs are worth much. Hudge's Nurse says he may get strong enuf to come to you as he now hopes. Otherwise I'll come up for you, Ed & Hester as company in mornings stimulates him & he is better for several days there after. Hope you are fine.

Love, Bull



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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. Katy Lacey,  
144;  
Osoyoos, B.C.



Oct. 28. 1962

Dear Mrs Lacey.

Please forgive me for not writing before, but I was away for awhile. That's just one excuse but the other one, I guess is just that I can't settle down to write to any body, it's so darn lonesome around here.

Well about the dance it's so many many years ago. The old log building is still at Olalla and there was so many people there that seemed to me we had about a 4x4 space to dance a quadrille in, but we were just as happy as if we had good sense.

We went from the Falls in a bob sleigh and four horses.

There was Mr & Mrs Joe Brent my three brothers. Richard. Fred

and Henry Bassett. Henry did  
the calling, also Maggie  
McLellan, now Mrs Bassett, also  
her sister Daisy Mc Lellan, now  
Mrs Clarke. and from Fairview  
Fred Phelps and two sisters.  
Carrie McKay, and Jessie Rodgers  
I don't know how long it took  
them, as they went over the old  
road up by the Steuninder  
mine I know they had quite  
a trip, but they got to the dance.

I don't know the the year, but  
I imagine it was around about  
1903 thereabouts. or maybe  
before.

I hope this will help you  
out a bit. my memory is not  
what it used to be worse luck.  
I wish you could come and  
see some time but I don't stay  
home any more than I half  
to so I am hard to find.

Yours very sincerely  
Ellen Arnold

Best regards to Mr. Lacey and a  
share for your self.  
E. A





PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES  
VICTORIA, B.C.

December 10th, 1962.

Mrs. Kate Lacey,  
Box 144,  
Ossoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

I am sorry to have taken so long with your letter of November 26th but I have been away in Oregon for a week. I can well imagine your problem insofar as the population of Fairview is concerned and there just does not appear to be enough contemporary evidence to arrive at a precise figure.

The only more or less official figure found appears in the B.C. Directory, 1900 to 1905 which gives "population, 1900 - 300." The directory for 1897 lists but two hotels, two general merchants but gives no population figure nor does that for the years 1897-8. A rough check of the Voters lists shows in 1894 there were 19 registered voters; 1898, 156 voters; 1900, 166 voters and using a figure of 3 to 4 persons in a household this would suggest 500 in 1898 and 600 in 1899 but this could be away out for only British subjects would be included as voters, and many may not have bothered to register. A.W. Williamson, evidently an old time resident, writing in the Vancouver Province, July 17, 1933 says: "Fairview caused quite a stampede in 1896 to 1898. It had one thousand people in town and hundreds of prospectors in the hills adjoining". The Oliver Echo, July, 1938 says in 1898 there were 3 hotels, two grocery stores, two livery stables, a post office, a blacksmith's shop and a laundry, and that in 1899 four new hotels were opened and two more mills established, in which some 500 men were employed.

This is not, I fear, going to help you much. I guess you just "takes your pick" for a figure.

Kindest personal regards to you both.

Yours sincerely,

*William E. Davidson*  
Provincial Librarian & Archivist.

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OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VERNON - KELOWNA - PENTICTON

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Nov. 20, 1963

*Copy*

~~Hon.~~  
Hon. F. X. Reeklin  
Minister of Agriculture  
Parliament Bldg  
Victoria B.C.

Dear Sir -

Enclosed in this letter is a brief & by separate mail - a trace of the proposed Fairview Mtn. Provincial Park. This is presented for your perusal to check critizese & advise, as you think, before presenting to the government, or if you think it ready it could be presented at your convenience. We thought it best to send it down for your benefit so that less time would be taken up if you can find time to stop even for an hour on your way to or back from Trail. And if advised in time, could have some of the executive here to meet you -

Yours very truly

(Mrs) K. Lacey



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Nov. 1, 1963

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*Copy*  
Hon. F.X. Richter  
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Minister of Agriculture,  
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Parliament Bldgs  
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Victoria, B.C.  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:-  
Dear Sir:-

With regard to the matter of preserving the history of the old Fairview townsite that Mr. Victor Wilson spoke to you about; our executive has prepared a brief and a trace of the Fairview with the idea of establishing a Provincial Park in that area to take in the Fairview townsite, mineral claims etc. We would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience and discuss this brief with you, either here at Osoyoos, Oliver or Penticton, and preferably in the evening unless on a Saturday or Sunday as Mr. Wilson teaches at Kaleden.

If you could let me know a day or two ahead to arrange for the executive to attend, not over 6 or 7, I hope, some from Penticton.

Yours very truly

*K. Lacey*  
*K. Lacey*  
(Mrs. ) K. Lacey

Sec. Treas.

Oliver - Osoyoos O.H.S.

Sunday Nov. 24/63  
Cawston  
B.C.

Dear Kate;

I had planned to go to Hesters funeral, but unfortunately was down with a very sore throat and a bad cold, and the weather was such, that I decided not to take chances. Hope Eds sore throat did not develop.

Sam has passed on at last. He was born in Ontario, in a small village by the name of Invermay in County Grey, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 1880. His Father Dan McCurdy came to the Similkameen in 1884 by way of Chicago Minneapolis to Astoria on the Pacific where he boarded a boat and proceeded by easy stages to Victoria and thence to Hope up the Fraser river, then over the Hope trail by saddle horse to Similkameen.

In 1885 he returned home and brought his wife west the same route with three of his children Samuel Harold Gardner, Robert & Sarah. Danny (Junior) his last or youngest child being the third white child born in the Similkameen. Daniel McCurdy (Senior) purchased the preemption belonging to his Uncle Joseph McCauley who came by sail boat around the horn in 1860.



Sam completed his schooling (what little he had) in the first little log school house, built in ~~1890~~ 1890 and finally at the Frame building, built by a grant from the Government in 1892. These buildings were practically a mile apart and both on his Father's property.

As you know Sam drove stage from Oroville to Hedley also from Oroville to Fairview for Bob Hall who carried on a regular stage Route from Penhigon, Oroville & Camp McKinney.

While driving stage from Oroville to Keremeos Sam was stricken with Typhoid fever and taken to the hospital in Vernon. This put him out of commission for a year. Prior to the Railroad coming to Keremeos he operated a butcher shop in the old ~~upper~~ original town of Keremeos in 1905.

He and his brother Bob took periodical trips to Chilliwack and the Upper Fraser Valley with horses for sale, there was a steady demand for horses at that time.

Sam worked on the Dawson Lowe Estate for some time, and spent considerable time with the late Dave Innis. Dave was operating a livery stable and freight line out of Keremeos having moved to Lower Keremeos from the Upper town when the railroad was completed in 1907. Joining the overseas forces he served overseas for over two years, upon returning home he operated his father's ranch, while Mr McCurdy was Customs officer in a log building on the present holdings of Mr Kohler. He passed away in June 1930

and later sold to George Courten

Sam taking over ~~and~~ the farm and operating it, until his death last week.

Dan Mc Cuidy (Senior) ran a Post office in the farm house <sup>at Signilkameez</sup> for quite a number of years. I am not certain of correct dates.

Trusting this will give you some guidance in your write-up I am

Sincerely yours

Sam Manery



Canston B. C.  
Sept. 24/63

Dear Kate

As promised on Sunday I am enclosing the names of the Carpenters who assisted in the building of the old Semilkameen school house in 1892. Their names were Charley & John Melville from Loomis Wash.

My Father had the contract to build this school, assisted by a grant from the B.C. Government of \$700.00

By the way Charley and John Melville charged \$2.00 a day, "10 hours" for their work. They later moved to Midway, and eventually died in the Kootenay country.

I attended the executive meeting in Kelowna 22 present. The contract for printing was given to the Vernon News 800 copies. I expect you will receive a copy of the minutes which will give you full details.

No secretary yet.

Adios for now  
Sam Manery

R.R.#1, Osoyoos, B.C.

Dec. 16, 1963

— Hon. F.A. Richter,  
Minister of Agriculture  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of Dec. 12th, the most important reason we were hoping to meet with you over this Fairview proposition was to discuss the various aspects.

To begin with, maybe our idea of a Provincial Park and Government regulations pertaining to such are not the same. We have no intention of interfering with rights-of-way, cattlemen, grazing rights, water licences, etc., etc.-- only to have a piece of land set aside for the naturalist, rock hound, geologist, camera enthusiast, riding clubs, and all people who love the outdoors to be able to ramble around in, to picnic in, study nature in, or take their friends and visitors to, without danger of being hit by stray bullets or someone indulging in sound shooting. We quite well realize that the hunters will say that they are only out 3 months of the year, but that is one of the most beautiful times of the year and also the only time when many of our local people have time to get out and enjoy a day or two in the woods.

Our valley is filling up very fast, and more and more land is being fenced. We are thinking of the future and want some land set aside before it is too late. We picked on Fairview Mountain because of its easy access, the wealth of natural history there, the romantic history of the old Fairview Camp and the Historic Value of the old Fairview Townsite.

Our first idea was the townsite alone, and this we still wish as our ultimate project, but several of the executive favored a picnic site, and in the townsite it is bare and hot, and an inadequate



water supply at present. To get picnic sites meant going up around the Stegwinden or higher.

The mention of a larger area appealed to all and that is how the project grew. We have more offers of support as a Park project than for just the old townsite alone. However, we are not asking for such a large area, just suggesting. What we want, in particular is the government to put a reserve on what is now Crown land to prevent it from becoming restricted to the public. Does not the Government own the surface rights on Crown Granted Mineral Claims. Geo. Pollock said he would have been very happy if guns had been prohibited on his range, and we believe the cattlemen who have cattle grazing in that area would go along with that too.

The access to the area from the Similkameen and the Okanagan, both north and south, and across the line would make it very popular; and while we do not contemplate campsites at present, they could well come in a couple of years or so.

All that we are asking for at present is that Government land, including the Fairview Townsite be reserved and no hunting allowed in the area, and help from the Parks Board to develop Picnic sites.

We wish to co-operate in any way we can with the Cattlemen, Timber and Mining Interests, private owners, Rights of -way, Water Licences, etc. We had no intention of interfering with them in any way, only hoping they would agree with us, and suggest this be called a Reserve, or Preserve, or what ever the Government wished if Park is not correct

We also had in mind in taking in the fishing lakes of Madgen, Sawmill and Bear, which would be of interest to the visitor and local resident alike, a contact with the Sportsman's club. Surely there is

enough country to hunt in that they should begrudge this small area to their wives and families who would probably appreciate a day in the woods also, when the weather is at its best.

Because of the present road and logging roads we feel the Government would have little expenditure here, compared to some of the Park areas. Also there is no Park area other than Manning Park in the Southern Interior. Here we can combine Historical History and Natural History.

The area on the trace is also only a suggestion. We are quite willing to settle for a small area, if necessary, but we would welcome the cattlemen, Timber and Mining interests, Sportsmen, private owners and anyone else concerned to join with us to make this a project for future generations in memory of those who staked their all there at one time.

We have not given this idea out for publication yet, keeping it within our own executives as much as possible, altho' it has been discussed with one or two ~~xxxxxxixix~~ we felt might express a responsible criticism of the idea. We have been waiting word from you as to the ultimate reaction we might expect from the Government regarding such a project, and do so at your convenience.

yours sincerely

*K. Barry*

Sec. Treas. Oliver -- Osoyoos O.H.S.

P.S. I am still struggling with the Fairview Cemetery.



# The Corporation of the City of Penticton



H. G. ANDREW  
CITY CLERK

H. W. COOPER  
TREASURER

101 MAIN STREET  
PENTICTON, B.C.

January 21st, 1964

Mrs. Katie Lacey  
R.R.1.  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your request in your letter of December 29th, 1963, please find enclosed prints of the picture of the building you refer to.

Trusting that this is satisfactory,

Yours truly,

CITY OF PENTICTON

Per: *H.G. Andrew*

H.G. Andrew  
City Clerk

HGA/mj  
Enc.



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES  
VICTORIA, B.C.

February 5th, 1964.

Mrs. Kate Lacey,  
R.R. # 1,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

We have been trying to discover information about Hardisty for you, but it is rather difficult not having his christian name. As nearly as we can make out Theodore Kruger was appointed in 1866 to manage the Hudson's Bay Company's trading post at Osoyoos; in 1871 he was transferred to Kamloops but returned in 1873 to Osoyoos and bought out Barrington Price who had the previous year bought out the Hudson's Bay Company.

It would appear that the correspondence to which you refer was by Joseph Hardisty, who was at Fort Shepherd, 1865-68 according to Mrs. A.D. Turnbull "Old Fort Shepherd", Cominco Magazine, XV (January, 1954) p.1.

"Chief Trader Joseph Hardisty took over in 1865, making it his headquarters for the Kootenay and Similkameen districts. After Hardisty left in 1868 Junion Clerk Jason Allard was sent to Fort Shepherd...."

Writing later in the Beaver, Autumn, 1959, p.46 Mrs. Turnbull adds:

"In 1865 Fort Shepherd ... was separated from the Colville district and became the headquarters of a new district comprising the Similkameen and Kootenay posts and known as Fort Shepherd. Chief Trader Joseph Hardisty, a brother-in-law of Donald Smith (Lord Strathcona) and a member of a family famous in the fur-trade, was moved from Honolulu ... to take charge of the new district. Jason Allard became one of his clerks. ...


... By '68, the frenzy of the gold rush was over; the fur trade was not profitable enough to pay the expenses of the post. ... Accordingly, in 1869 Chief Trader Hardisty was moved to the Kootenay Post, Fort Shepherd was re-annexed to Fort Colville and Clerk Jason Allard was left in charge."



We have very little other information on Joseph Hardisty. The Victoria Directory for 1863 lists him as "cashier HBC, Fort" in Victoria and in subsequent directories up to 1871. he is listed at Fort Shepherd. On August 24, 1866 Peter O'Reilly reported from Fort Shepherd that he had "granted to Mr. Hardisty a charter ... of the Ferry Right at the lower end of Kootenay Lake previously leased to Mr. Briggs deceased...."

There was another Hardisty, "William Lawson" who was also in British Columbia at this time but we have no data on him. Presumably only the Hudson's Bay Company's archives in London could trace the later activities of Joseph Hardisty if he is the one concerned.

Yours sincerely,

  
Provincial Librarian & Archivist.

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# OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VERNON - KELOWNA - PENTICTON  
ARMSTRONG - ENDERBY  
OLIVER - OSOYOOS

R.R.#1? Osoyoos

Feb. 16 th, 1964

Hon. F.X. Richter  
Minister of Agriculture  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of the executive of the Oliver- Osoyoos branch of the O.H.S. I have been asked to write you to enquire if there is any date in sight as to when we can take the wraps off this Fairview Mountain and Fairview Townsite project we have started. We have set a tentative date of April 13 for our local annual meeting and will have to have a full report of our activities for the past year.

We have been approached by a Naturalist group of 7 clubs under the name of Nature Council and a branch of the "Save the Parks club". Also on a 15 minute broadcast by Ches Lyons, now of the Audobon Society, we felt that that society were interested and more or less hinted at a larger park to thake in the whole of the desert area in this end of the Valley. This would be through approaching Joe Harris and he has steered them our way. Pressure has come from the Oliver Press also , and where they got their information is hard to say, as we have respected your wishes and kept allplans within the executive as much as we possibly could.

But we need some assurance that we can give a satisfactory report to our Annual Meeting. There seems to be an undercurrent from many directions about land being saved for Parks, especially in this desert area, and of reserving what little is left.--- On the other hand there are people constantly buying, or trying to buy, land fringed on the agricultural area.



# OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VERNON - KELOWNA - PENTICTON

ARMSTRONG - ENDERBY

OLIVER - OSOYOOS

We are hoping the Government has put a temporary freeze on all Crown land in our proposed area and if not could it be done immediately until this thing is settled one way or the other to prevent encroachment of private interests or enterprise into a park area. Realising there is other important business to be taken care of we trust we are not being too impatient, only that there seems to be a lot of outside interest building up and we can only keep quiet for so long under the pressure that seems to be building up. However we do urge that the Crown land sales be held up until we are free to discuss this project in the open.

Yours very truly

Sec. Treas. Oliver osoyoos branch O.H.S.

Dear Chess. -

Greetings - it was nice to hear your pleasant voice on the air the other night. We enjoyed your talk - but the poor sheep at Vasquez Lake are having a rough time of it this winter. There are a lot of them down along the lake & cars are hitting them all the time, has been 12-15 killed, mostly ewes, heavy with lambs - people in a hurry, because their cars can go fast. - nothing to do when they get there - so many are so thoughtless & so many don't give a damn -

When we night & we gathered from your talk you'd like to see this whole south end a game preserve & park. So would we, why didn't someone think of it sooner. The Historical Society is interested in Fairview, don't know how far we'll get, at present we have no permission to say much. but local interest could be stirred up - we ~~felt~~ feel.

Our local Annual Meeting comes up pretty soon. Easter kind of



turns Thompson up a little - as not our date  
kindly for Op. 13 - would there be any  
chance of your being in the area about that  
time. We had a social evening in Blair  
Jan. 31, a dinner of *Antelope* showed  
several of the K. R. *canadensis* yet the last  
one of the *peruviana* or *affinis* was very  
valued & refreshment were served - about  
75 present. We plan on the same thing for our  
annual meeting of a banquet & speaker. people  
don't have the money & they seemed to enjoy  
the picture & to visit so much more. Naturally  
no *thebanus* Society has any money but  
that we'd like to show we are interested  
in natural history too (H. G. G. has a fine  
collection of *Antelope* birds, mammals &  
in our museum, & people are making  
up to the idea of coming along - a little  
less may be - but as we are history students

& so many of the old timers went last year  
we were going to 2-3 funerals a week for a  
while there. Now its starting up again, - 2  
this week. Capt. King & one of our Indian friends  
from Inkamup.

Your speech the other nite intrigued  
us. Would really like to see some one propose  
this southern end the park. Those of us who  
have lived here so long take all the things here  
for granted - the Mariposa Lilies, I know of one  
small patch of square lilies (chocolate), & white  
lady slippers - There used to be pink ones on  
Fairview Mtn. & Mr Hornby who was <sup>the</sup> flower  
man at Summerland Ex. Station in the 30's  
used to say there were more varieties of wild  
flowers on Anacrusht Mtn than anywhere in  
B.C. I don't think he ever saw the Sunbain  
slopes of Kroyer Mtn after a heavy rain  
in early summer. Above Tighthan K on his  
American side was like some ones garden  
gone wild some years.



Ed joins me in sending our best regards  
+ would enjoy having you drop in any  
time you are thro' here. The upper lake  
caught over a few days ago + 2 swans  
have been staying in the open water  
near the bridge. We have a lot of small  
birds we have fed + one big hawk that  
goes by nearly every day + we have not  
shot gun. The quail seem to have  
mated already.

Sincerely

(Mrs) K. Lucy

C.P. Lyons  
548 Michigan  
Victoria



WHEN REPLYING  
PLEASE QUOTE FILE No. 1-2-1-000

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
PARKS BRANCH

Victoria, B. C.

April 1, 1964.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
Okanagan Historical Society,  
R.R. 1,  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Dear Madam:

The Okanagan Historical Society has recommended establishment of a Provincial park in the Fairview Mountain Area to the Honourable F.X. Richter who has communicated this proposal to the Honourable the Minister of Recreation and Conservation.

In order that the Minister may be provided with status information we would appreciate your outlining on the attached map the area which your Society feels has park potential. The parcels outlined in red are already reserved for public recreational purposes.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "H. G. McWilliams".

H. G. McWilliams,  
Director.

Att.





PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES  
VICTORIA, B.C.

6th April, 1964.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
R. R. #1,  
OSOYOOS, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

Well we have had another go at the Kruger story and some of it fits in and some of the names don't. So here goes:

The statement that Kruger bought the Hudson's Bay Company's store at Osoyoos from Barrington Price rests on the statement by Mrs. Chrestenza Kruger "Early Days at Osoyoos", Okanagan Historical Society Tenth Report, 1935, p.76:

"Roderick Finlaison, who was then chief factor at Victoria, was transferred to Kamloops in 1871 and the following year the company sold their stores at Osoyoos, Colville, Kootenay and Keremeos. Barrington Price bought the store at Osoyoos, and the following year, 1873, Mr. Kruger bought it from him."

Since Kruger had been hired in 1866 by the Hudson's Bay Company "to manage their store at Osoyoos" (according to Mrs. Kruger) it would appear that he had been in continuous occupation of the store - managing it first for the H.B.C., then for Barrington Price and eventually for himself. Four years and eight months back from the date of his letter of March 19, 1872, would bring you to July, 1867.

Barrington Price and his partner Henry Nicholson arrived at the Similkameen in September 1872, having used the H. B. C. post at Keremeos, just vacated by the Company, as a stock ranch. This from an article by Henry Nicholson in the Hedley Gazette, January 10, 1905, reprinted under title "In days gone by" in the O.H.S. 26th.

Report, 1962, p. 29. Thus it would seem quite possible that Price bought the Osoyoos store in February, 1872, continued Kruger as its manager, and went on to Keremeos. I think the "Bice" you mention in the H.B.C. Winnipeg letter must be a misreading for "Price".

We can find nothing about a G. Dammott but I have found a J. Wonnacott who in the Directory for 1871 is listed as manager of the H. B. B. at Fort Shepherd. However this really gets us into a further problem for Elsie Turnbull in "Fort Shepherd", The Beaver, Autumn 1959, makes no mention of him at all. She says that Jason Allard was in charge for the last two years of his four year assignment there; she also says that in 1869 Hardisty was moved to Kootenay and Allard left in charge at Fort Shepherd. This would possibly mean Allard in charge 1864-71 but B. A. McKelvie says he left the Company's service in 1864 and moreover Mrs. Turnbull implies that Fort Shepherd was closed in 1870 and burned in 1872. I'm sure you are now as confused as I, but Wonnacott may have been in charge at Fort Shepherd 1869-71.

Quite frankly I would be inclined to ignore Dammott and Wonnacott as too confusing and accept Mrs. Krugers story and the "Bice for Price" letter as pointing to Barrington Price as the purchaser.

Yours sincerely,

*W. E. Ireland*

W. E. Ireland,  
Provincial Librarian and Archivist.

*Dev. m. G.*

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CALGARY, ALBERTA

April 2, 1964.

Mrs. K. Lacey,  
R.R.1,  
Osoyoos,  
B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lacey,

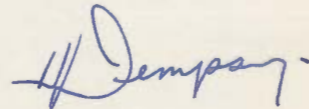
Please excuse my delay in replying to your letter of February 24th, but it has been necessary to do extensive research in an attempt to locate material on Joseph Hardisty and Chief Gregoire (or Gregor). The results have been fairly fruitful and I hope it will provide you with some information that you require.

I might say that there is further information on the Inkameep band and Gregoire in the annual reports of the Indian Affairs Branch, 1879 to date. However, we did not do any detailed research with these as we anticipated that you would have already examined them. If this is not the case, we would be glad to check them for any specific information.

Sincerely,

Glenbow Foundation

Per:



Hugh A. Dempsey,  
Archivist.

HAD:gb.  
Enc.

### JOSEPH HARDISTY

In the Alexander Macpherson and Allan Poyntz Patrick papers the first mention of Joseph Hardisty occurs in a letter from W.L. Hardisty at Fort Yukon, Mackenzie River District, to his brother-in-law, Joseph Macpherson. The letter is dated 1 November, 1857. At this time Joseph Hardisty was "at the Sandwich Islands, and I understand is likely to receive his commission as Chief Trader next year". There is also a letter, dated 24 May 1862 written to Joseph Macpherson by his father-in-law, Richard Hardisty at LaChine in which Richard Hardisty mentions his sons, Richard, William, George, Henry, Thomas and Joseph. At the time of writing Richard had been made a chief trader and was situated in Saskatchewan; he later reestablished the post at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. William was in the Mackenzie River District; George had been in Oregon; Henry was for a short time the previous winter employed in the Company's office at Fort Victoria and Thomas had been taken into the Company's service that year as an apprentice clerk. Joseph Hardisty was then in the office at Fort Victoria. In a letter, also from LaChine, written to his daughter Mary, the wife of Joseph Macpherson, Richard Hardisty did mention that George was Purser on board a steamer in the Oregon. That letter was dated 27 May 1863.

There is also a letter from J. Hardisty at 4 Hospital St., Montreal, dated 9 February 1904, to Mrs. Patrick, his niece in Calgary, asking for information on the family. Mrs. Patrick was the daughter of Mary Hardisty and Joseph Macpherson so the writer of the letter must have been the Joseph Hardisty in question.

### Source

The Alexander Macpherson and Allan Poyntz Patrick Papers, The Glenbow Foundation, Calgary Alberta.



## CHIEF GREGOR

James A. Teit in the 45th Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, 1927-1928 says that there were seven Okanagan bands, one of which was the Inkameep or Osoyoos band with headquarters on the east side of the Okanagan River and at the head of Osoyoos Lake. In his genealogy of the chiefs of the Okanagan bands Teit mentions that among the leading chiefs of about 1850 was Gregor Yokumtiken, who was chief of the N'Kamip band of the Okanagans when they talked with Commissioner Sproat.

Gilbert Malcolm Sproat who was, among other things, Agent-General of British Columbia (ca. 1874) served on the Indian Land Commission from 1876-1880. It was during this time that he was in the Okanagan and carried on negotiations regarding tribal territory and hunting and fishing rights with Chief Tselaxitsa. Teit calls Chief Tselaxitsa the most prominent chief in the interior of British Columbia in his day. For further information and possible mention of Chief Gregor it would be worth checking any reports made of these negotiations. Reports which are early but might be useful are:

British Columbia, Lands and Works Department,  
Papers connected with the Indian Land Question,  
1850-1875, Victoria, 1875.

Note 1: It is virtually certain that Chief Gregor Yokumtiken is the same person as Chief Gregoire, because there is no other similar name in Teit's comprehensive genealogy of the Okanagan chiefs.

Note 2: Teit states that Chief Nicolas was the most powerful of the Okanagan chiefs until he died in 1865 at which time Tonasket declared himself chief of the American Okanagans.

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